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## Eyes on House as Senate votes on immigration bill

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The U.S. Senate is expected to pass Friday at the latest (Saturday CNMI time) a sweeping national immigration reform bill that provides a pathway to citizenship to thousands of long-term legal foreign workers in the CNMI, after Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) scheduled a vote to cut off debate on the immigration bill for around Thursday.

"We will be closely watching this. We are very optimistic that the U.S. Senate will pass the bill, and we are also hoping it will have the House support too. It's time to fix the broken immigration system," said Bonifacio Sagana, president of Dekada Movement.

Sagana is just one of the thousands of long-term workers in the CNMI who have been pushing for an improved immigration status.

This weekend, Sagana and others like

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FBI fingerprint system un.masks ex-convict

» Chinese national tries to enter Saipan using fake identity

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation's fingerprint identification system led to the arrest Wednesday of a Chinese national who tried to enter the CNMI using a different name to hide a lengthy criminal history in the U.S. mainland.

An Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Agency deportation officer arrested Shou Wen Zheng,

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### IN THE WAKE OF SETTLEMENT DEAL

## Admin to pump more than \$20M into Fund in 2014

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday his administration will remit more than the earlier proposed \$20 mil-

lion to the NMI Retirement Fund in fiscal year 2014 to meet the terms of a settlement deal that is being finalized. His administration also said there will be no work hour cuts, with the hope that the Legislature will act on revenue-

generating measures.

"That one I can say yes," Inos told *Saipan Tribune*, when asked whether the tentative settlement deal reached on Wednesday will pave the way for more than \$20 million set aside for the Fund

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### DCCA SECRETARY

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left, administers the oath of office to Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Laura T. Ogomoro, center, while Bureau of Environmental Health director John Tagabuel, right, looks on, during a brief ceremony in the governor's main conference room on Capital Hill yesterday morning. The Senate confirmed Ogomoro on June 19.

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## Revision of NMC's mission statement now underway

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Northern Marianas College president Sharon Hart, Ph.D., announced yesterday that the institution is now ready to revisit its decades-old mission statement to come up with a new goal to strive for and maintain in the years ahead.

The revision targets to develop a clear, concise, and lasting statement that will both guide and inspire the institution going into the future.

The passage of Legislative Initiative 17-12 in the last general election gave NMC the authority and flexibility to establish and periodically revisit the college's mission statement. NMC is now given the authority establish a mission statement that is relevant and would reflect the evolving needs of the island community.

Hart, upon ratification of the initiative, had immediately appointed a Strategic Planning Task Force composed of 21 members from various areas across campus who met weekly for the task. She disclosed that a draft of the mission statement is slated for presentation to the board in July or August for consideration.

"Revising the mission statement has been a huge undertaking requiring lots of research and a review of mission statements of other colleges. Given its importance in guiding the future direction and focus of NMC, the process needs to be inclusive, done right, and not rushed through. We value community input," according to Hart.

She sees the mission statement as critical for the future of the college. "This new mission statement gives the college a goal to strive for and a standard to maintain in the

years ahead," she said.

NMC invites feedback from employees, students, alumni, and members of the community as it undertakes a comprehensive review of its mission documents, including the mission statement itself, as well as vision and values statements.

Accreditation standards state that NMC should have a mission statement that defines the institution's broad educational purposes, its student population, and its commitment to achieving student learning.

In order to remain effective, institutions of higher learning revisit their mission statements periodically to ensure that the statements are relevant, appropriate, and reflective of evolving community needs.

"The [NMC] mission statement has not been revised in almost 30 years. It is definitely time for us to look at ourselves, reflect on our purpose as an institution, and to question our goals as a whole. I see the mission statement as both an affirmation of who we are as Northern Marianas College and also who and what we want to be; the broader aspirations that we hope to accomplish and embody over the next 25 or more years," according to the president.

She disclosed that the task force is in the process of reviewing feedback and updating the mission statement as they go along. In the coming weeks, there will also be another electronic survey made available to the community to solicit feedback on the draft revised mission statements.

The online survey may be accessed at [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu).

Comments may also be sent in writing to the Office of the President at Building P, NMC main campus, or emailed to [mission@nmcnet.edu](mailto:mission@nmcnet.edu).

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# Crisostimo returns to Senate 'one last time'

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A few months ago, former senator Luis P. Crisostimo asked his former colleagues to allow him to go back to the Senate "one last time" should anything happen to him. The Senate grants that wish today with a memorial tribute for Crisostimo, who passed away on June 15 in Las Vegas, Nevada after a long but valiant fight with throat cancer. He was 52.

The memorial tribute will be at 10am today in the Senate chamber on Capital Hill.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said yesterday that Crisostimo made the special request when they had a meeting at the office of Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota).

"He would like to come back one last time," Torres told reporters yesterday.

Crisostimo's remains will be brought to the Senate for the memorial tribute.

Torres said he had the privilege of working with Crisostimo for years, describing him as a champion of Northern Marianas descent rights and a true public servant.

The Senate has invited Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, members of the House of Representatives and

the Judiciary, and other officials and agencies to the occasion, which will be open to everyone.

Inos, Torres, the acting House speaker, and others are scheduled to deliver remarks. The governor worked with Crisostimo when they were both with the Department of Finance, while the lieutenant governor worked with Crisostimo when the former was still a senator.

Senators will also be presenting to Crisostimo's family a Senate resolution honoring Crisostimo's service and contributions to the CNMI and its people as a public servant and a businessman.

Crisostimo, born on Nov. 26, 1960, served four terms at the CNMI Senate, from the 14th to the 17th Legislatures.

Crisostimo is survived by his wife, Maria, three children, Monica, Luis Jr. and Dwight, and two grandchildren, Dwight II and Cassidy.

Nightly Mass and Rosary is held at San Vicente Church at 6pm. Last respects will be held on Saturday, June 29, from 7:30am to 10:45am at Mount Carmel Cathedral. The Mass for Christian burial will be at 11am also at Mount Carmel Cathedral, followed by interment services at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

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# Probable cause found to charge man who allegedly beat up pregnant GF

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman found probable cause yesterday to warrant the filing of charges against a man who was recently arrested for allegedly punching his eight-month pregnant girlfriend in different parts of her body.

At a preliminary hearing, Wiseman determined that there

is probable cause to believe that the crimes of assault and battery, false arrest, disturbing the peace, and criminal contempt may have been committed and that Bradley Delos Reyes Palacios may have committed the offenses.

Wiseman ordered the 21-year-old Palacios to answer the charges.

Palacios was remanded to the custody of the Department of Corrections. He will be arraigned on July 1 at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Nicole Driscoll represented the government. Attorney Michael A. White served as court-appointed counsel for Palacios.

Police said preliminary investigation showed that Palacios

picked up his girlfriend at her grandmother's house on June 5 as she had a doctor's appointment at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Palacios did not bring the girlfriend to CHC, causing an argument inside the car. The defendant then allegedly started punching and slapping her. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Inos re-appoints 2 to Board of Parole and Arts Council

Gov. Eloy S. Inos re-appointed yesterday Jose C. Camacho to serve as a member of the Board of Parole, as well as Esther F. Sound as a member of the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture.

The governor said Camacho and Sound's re-appointments do not require the Senate's advice and consent.

Camacho, representing Saipan on the Board of Parole, will serve another six-year term. Because the board members' terms are staggered, Camacho's term will expire on July 10, 2019.

Sound, representing Saipan/Carolinian, will serve another four-year term expiring on June 20, 2017. *(Haid-ee V. Eugenio)*

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in the fiscal year 2014 budget.

The governor is also poised to submit a revised projected revenue to the Legislature, increasing the earlier proposed government budget of \$123.4 million for 2014.

Acting House speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan), Senate President Ralph Torres (IR-Saipan), House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan) and Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) separately said yesterday they also want to see more money remitted to the Fund, although this has to be balanced with other critical needs such as public health and safety.

Inos personally participated in a three-day settlement negotiation with the parties in the Betty Johnson class action against the Fund and the CNMI government, resulting in a tentative deal reached on Wednesday.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment yesterday, confirmed that the administration's goal "is to remit more than \$20 million to the Fund to meet the terms of the settlement."

"However, fresh out of the settlement talks that concluded [Wednesday] night, the figures are still a work in progress at this time," he said.

The Senate is currently reviewing House-passed revenue generating bills such as the Saipan casino gambling autho-

rization bill and the electronic gaming bill.

The governor is poised to sign an up to \$300 million pension obligation bond authorization bill that the House and Senate recently passed. Demapan said the measure was transmitted to the governor only on Wednesday.

"The administration has been an advocate of floating such a bond to help address the issue with the Retirement Fund and so the bill is now being reviewed and being readied for action," Demapan said.

The governor called for another leadership forum with the Legislature on Tuesday afternoon, and this is where most lawmakers said they hope to discuss and decide on key issues such as the direction for revenue-generating measures, projected revenues, and whether to sell or lease the Mariana House in Washington, D.C., among other things.

### 'No work hour cuts'

Under the tentative settlement deal, the government will be required to give additional funds to the Fund every year in order to meet the 75 percent obligation to the retirees, who will have to bear a 25 percent cut in their benefits.

Some Capital Hill employees said yesterday they worry that for the government to pump more money into the Fund, up to 16-hour work cuts would be implemented once again.

The press secretary said at this time, there is no discussion about work hour cuts.

"The administration is cog-

nizant that many have already sacrificed so much during the two years that the government was on reduced work hours. At this point in time, the administration is prioritizing working with the Legislature to get going on revenue generating measures for the benefit of the Commonwealth," Demapan said.

If the government doesn't come through with its promised amount to be remitted to the Fund, a default judgment could be rendered against the government amounting to \$779 million.

Demapan said the administration would not have agreed to settle if the terms were unfavorable.

"Right now, the governor is hopeful that as work progresses to finalize the settlement, the final product will be one that is conducive to all the parties involved," he said.

### 'Welcome development'

Demapan said with the settlement moving a step further to being finalized, this is certainly a welcome development.

"Governor Inos saw that it was important to engage in settlement negotiations instead of to keep going the very costly route of litigation. And so in good faith, Governor Inos wholly committed himself to participating in the negotiations during the three days at the District Court. The governor knows both sides of the coin as he is a retiree as well, so he wants nothing less than what is best for active employees, for retirees, and for the overall operations of the

Commonwealth and its services to the people," he said.

Former Retirement Fund board of directors chair and now Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar said yesterday that having a settlement deal reduces uncertainties.

"They would at least understand and put some clarity to where we're heading and put some planning in place... hopefully that we all follow it [agreement]," he said.

Igisomar said this is no easy matter but reaching a settlement deal after all these years is a step in the right direction.

"Obviously the governor has his own solutions and I know that the retirees believe differently. But I understand the governor truly means well... for the betterment of the entire CNMI people and the retirees. It's not a very easy matter and I give kudos to the governor for making sure he coordinates these efforts with the Office of the Attorney General," he added.

### 25-percent pension cut

Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) supports giving more money to the Fund as a result of the settlement deal and after years of failing to remit to the Fund, but the government also has to deal with other issues such as public health and public safety.

As a retiree, Leon Guerrero said he is concerned more about the impact of a 25-percent cut in pension on other retirees who are receiving only \$10,000 or less in retirement benefits every year.

He hopes that the 25-percent

cut will be done in a fair manner wherein those who are receiving way more than \$10,000 in benefits a year, for example, will bear the full 25-percent cut, while those getting only \$10,000 or less will receive a smaller cut.

### More to be done

Acting House speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan), meanwhile, said there's a lot of work that still needs to be done after reaching a settlement agreement on the Fund, including finding ways to generate revenue so that more money will be remitted to the Fund.

He said he is also happy to hear that active Defined Benefit members of the Fund will finally be able to withdraw their contributions "once these details are hammered out with the District Court."

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him could wake up to the news of S. 744's passage by the U.S. Senate.

This comes less than two years before some 12,000 foreign workers will have to exit the CNMI when the transitional CW program expires on Dec. 31, 2014. With a mass exodus of skilled and professional foreign workers, the tourism-based CNMI economy is expected to plummet once again, at a time when it is showing growth.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the CNMI provision in S. 744 has remained unchanged.

He added that the House "Gang of Seven" is also crafting an immigration bill that he expects will also include a CNMI provision.

S. 744's main thrust is to provide a pathway to citizenship to some 11 million undocumented aliens in America.

But the bill also has a CNMI-specific provision that would allow long-term foreigners to apply for a CNMI-only status within months of the bill's enactment. Those covered include legal foreign workers who have been in the CNMI since at least 2003, and those with U.S. citizen children regardless of the age of the children.

After an additional five-year waiting period, these aliens can start applying for U.S. perma-

nent residence status or "green card," a pathway to U.S. citizenship.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the Inos administration is also monitoring the status of the immigration bill.

Florida-based human rights activist and former CNMI teacher Wendy Doromal, who has been closely monitoring the immigration reform bill, said while S. 744 will likely pass sometime Friday, the chances that an immigration bill will pass the House are slight.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner said he will not bring up an immigration bill for a vote unless he is sure that a majority of the 234 Republicans support it.

"It's clear that a majority of House members will not support the Senate bill. Still, no House bill has been revealed even after many false starts and promises that one would be introduced," Doromal said.

"In poll after poll, a majority of the American public has supported immigration reform and a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. Too bad so many House members are deaf."

She, however, said that at least one immigration debate "has been silenced."

"Today's Supreme Court decision to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act means that U.S. citizens may petition for their same sex partners to get green cards," she added.

## FBI

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44, after U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued a warrant for his arrest.

Manglona issued the warrant after ICE filed a criminal complaint charging Zheng with attempted re-entry of a removed alien.

Zheng was taken to federal court yesterday afternoon for his initial appearance. Attorney Vicente Salas served as his court-appointed counsel.

Assistant U.S. attorney Rami Badawy asked the court to order Zheng's detention pending future proceedings. Salas asked for a detention

hearing in five days.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy set the detention hearing for July 3 at 10am. Preliminary hearing will be on July 10 at 1:30pm.

Kennedy remanded Zheng into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Deportation officer Matthew Burns stated in his affidavit that Zheng arrived at the Saipan International Airport on Wednesday aboard a commercial flight and tried to enter the CNMI under the parole program, using a passport under the name of "Wenqiang Jiang."

Part of the requirements to enter the CNMI is a fingerprint scan. Burns said the result of the scan revealed that Wenqiang Ji-

ang is actually Zheng, who has a lengthy criminal history and had been deported from the United States twice.

According to records, Zheng was found guilty in 1997 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York for conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute heroin. He was sentenced to 36 months in prison.

On Sept. 30, 1997, the U.S. Immigration Court in Oakdale, Louisiana ordered Zheng's removal. He was deported on April 16, 1998.

In November 1999, Zheng re-entered the United States with a passport and B-I visitor's visa under the name "Shuiping Jiang."

In August 2011, Zheng was

arrested in Illinois for aggravated battery in a public place.

The Department of Homeland Security/ICE then issued a notice of intent to reinstate a final order for his removal.

In February 2012, Zheng applied for asylum. Three months later, U.S. Immigration Court Judge Eliza Klein denied his application. Zheng was again deported from the United States on July 11, 2012.

On Dec. 21, 2012, the U.S. Department of State denied Zheng's application for a B1/B2 visa.

As of Wednesday, Burns said, the defendant has not obtained the consent of the attorney general or the DHS secretary to enter the United States.



# PSS: Healthcare impact tax falls short of the mark

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The Public School System and the State Board of Education are opposed to the healthcare impact tax bill, describing the legislation as falling short of its intent to promote health and wellness.

Lucy Blanco-Maratita, who chairs the board's legislative and intergovernmental affairs committee, said Wednesday that, based on the bill's current form, both the system and board cannot support the measure.

House Bill 18-34 proposes to assess a special health care impact tax on certain foods and other items and reserving the funds collected for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

"PSS concurs that the health of the CNMI population is reaching a critical stage with respect to obesity and diabetes; however, the Legislature should not just focus on the CHCC but must also ensure that public dollars are used to fund resources dedicated to public education on the issues raised in the findings [of this bill]," according to Blanco-Maratita in comments sent to the Legislature. The comments had the concurrence of Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.

A major concern is the bill's proposed funding scheme. The bill, according to Blanco-Maratita, works to raise taxes that, in turn, will raise the overall revenue generated within the CNMI. Yet the allocation of the funds raised will not be distributed according to the CNMI Constitution. PSS is constitutionally guaranteed to get 15 percent of all CNMI revenue.

The proposed funding stream under the healthcare impact tax legislation does not count the

funds raised and revenue generated by the increased taxes toward the overall CNMI gross and, according to Blanco-Maratita, this will lower the percentage share of funds for PSS, as well as other government agencies.

Another major concern is that it is creating a "debt service" for the benefit of the CHCC. Although it has a sunset provision that becomes effective once the debt is paid, there is no limiting provision preventing CHCC from incurring additional debt. Blanco-Maratita described this as not sound public or fiscal policy.

PSS and BOE want the bill to be amended to allow PSS to receive funding from the increased taxation.

"This legislation completely overlooks the role that PSS plays in impacting the CNMI with regards to public education in NCDs [noncommunicable diseases]. If this is the true intent of the bill, a portion of the funding raised should be funneled toward PSS so that we can continue to fund our worthy programs and initiatives to combat the very issues in this legislation," according to her.

PSS suggests that a minimum 25 percent of the revenues generated from the increased taxation be given to public schools.

According to the BOE, the Legislature needs to recognize that healthy living and healthy choices must be introduced at a young age so that habits formed can last a lifetime.

It adds that PSS lauds the intention of the Legislature to minimize the impact of unhealthy living on the people of the CNMI but the bill falls

short of the mark.

The board states that in numerous discussions with the Legislature about health and wellness within the CNMI, several recommendations have been made, including providing incentives to all government agencies that promote and implement wellness programs for employees; requiring the government-subsidized health insurance to provide a discount for joining health clubs; making streets more walkable so that people have more options; providing more funds and manpower for community sports programs; and more public education on the impact of healthy living and healthy choices.



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# Sablan responds to security concerns at GTC campus

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The plan to move all kindergarten through fifth grade students of Tanapag Elementary School to Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary had raised concerns of parents and the community, who questioned the capability of the school administration to protect

their children in a campus that hasn't had any fence and detailed security for many years.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., told *Saipan Tribune*, however, that building a perimeter fence at GTC will not be possible at this time even if the Board of Education approves the merger plan. She pointed out that the GTC cam-

pus hadn't had any safety and security issues since the start.

"Right now, we have two schools that do not have fences around their campuses...but we don't have an issue with the safety of kids because we do have standard operating procedures that address lockdown, tsunami, fire drills, and any other kind of emergencies. We're not going

to compromise the safety of our students," she said.

GTC was built in 1952 and never had a fence since the start. Security personnel have also been unavailable for many years due to funding issues.

Despite this, Sablan said the school never had a security issue because the school is always on top of the situation. She cited PSS' request for assistance from the neighborhood among the factors behind the school's success in maintaining the safety and security of students.

"If an emergency happens, we have standard operating procedures in place. The neighborhood also is always on the lookout to ensure the safety of our schoolchildren," said Sablan.

Sablan also assured that affected school personnel will continue to remain on the system's roster. The staff was given the option to select which cam-

pus they want to serve beginning this new school year—the target implementation of the merger proposal.

Both Tanapag and GTC schools have nine classroom teachers each.

"In our meeting with the staff, we conducted a survey to get their comments and feedback on what schools the staff would like to transfer to in the event that we implement the middle school in the fall."

The merger of the schools is basically "reallocating resources to meet the needs of the education of our children in elementary which includes K-5 and our middle school students from Grades 6 through 8, ensuring that we provide them what is most needed to be successful," according to Sablan, adding that whatever PSS does is for the best interest of its students.

Based on the system's record,

GTC is among the top performing public schools in the Commonwealth. This school year alone, three of overall outstanding awardees for PSS are from the school, including the Teacher Aide of the Year, Counselor of the Year, and Support Staff of the Year.

When asked about the potential impact of the merger on student performance and achievements of the two schools, Sablan expressed confidence that this will bring positive results.

"What I anticipate to see is motivation. I believe that when you put a positive and a negative together, positive has heavier influence over the negative. Normally, when you put a high performing school and low performing school together, there will be impact somewhere... and it is my hope that this will be the high performing influence," said Sablan.

## OPD wants judge disqualified from manslaughter case

The Office of the Public Defender has moved for the disqualification of Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho from presiding over proceedings in the case against Felix Kileleman Jr., who allegedly assaulted a teenager with another suspect. The victim later died after being run over by two cars.

Assistant public defender Benjamin K. Petersburg, counsel for Kileleman, moved for Camacho's recusal based on the judge's statements in a written order rejecting bail modification.

Petersburg cited Camacho's statements that "defendant and co-defendant chased the victim into the highway where they proceeded to beat the victim into the ground; Weakened, vulnerable and lying on the highway, the victim was struck by two cars;...the defendants brutally attacked the victim."

Petersburg said the judge's statements indicate that his

appearance of impartiality in this case might be reasonably questioned.

The defense counsel said Camacho's statements recite the allegations in the case as facts, characterize those facts in an inflammatory manner, and ultimately appear to show that the judge has already passed judgment in the case against Kileleman.

Petersburg said the statements were made in a written order following a bail modification hearing at which only the proposed third party custodian testified.

"These statements were pre-trial and before the presentation of evidence by either party. The statements recite the allegations in the case as fact and are written as a detailed narrative which includes inflammatory language," he said.

Camacho yesterday set the hearing on Kileleman's motion for July 5 at 10am.

The judge ordered the government to file its opposition/response brief by July 3.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Kileleman, 19, and Herman Selepeo Fitial, 34, with involuntary manslaughter, and assault and battery.

The trial is set for July 15.

Police said the defendants were in a store when a fight broke out with the alleged victim, 19-year-old Jefferson Kilaol Keju, on the evening of Jan. 1, 2013 in central Garapan.

The defendants allegedly chased Keju into the highway where they beat him up. Lying on the highway, Keju was struck by two cars and eventually died.

Woo Hyun Kim, the alleged driver of the first vehicle, fled the scene and subsequently left the CNMI. The driver of the second vehicle who stopped and assisted the victim was not charged. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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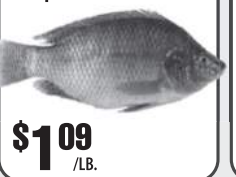
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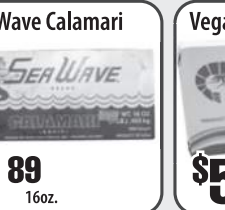
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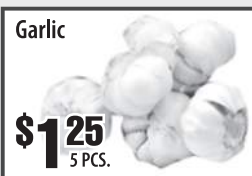
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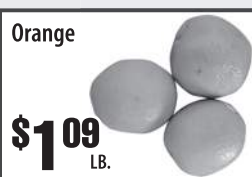
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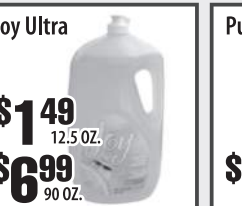
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## ENJOYING BEER 101

## Brew master busts beer myths

Brew master George F. Reisch busted beer myths aplenty in Thursday night's Gourmet Beer Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The fifth generation brew master started out by teaching the full-house crowd at the Giovanni's Restaurant how to properly pour beer into a glass—yes, beer should be drank from a glass.

Amateurs tend to tip the glass and pour it ever so gently so foam wouldn't build up. However, Reisch said this is exactly how not to drink beer. The proper way to pour it, he said, is straight down the middle without minding the foam buildup.

Not allowing the foam to build up while pouring would only result in the foam building up in your tummy once you drink it, which is why some feel bloated after drinking from the bottle.

Reisch then demonstrated how bad non-foaming is by pouring beer into two glasses—one the proper way and the other the wrong way. He then put a piece of tissue on both glasses, with foam overflowing on the glass where beer wasn't properly poured.

Reisch also reminded that foam is part of the beer and discarding it is tantamount to throwing beer.

He explained that beer like Budweiser and Bud Light are driven by the quality of yeast used, while wine and whisky are driven by the ingredients and the maturation process, respectively. Saki, meanwhile, is fermentation driven.

To the surprise of most of the crowd, Reisch noted that drinking beer from the can is a no-no. He labeled that practice as "can sniffing."

While cans are better than bottles at deflecting heat and sunlight, they however absorb whatever is in the outside, which ultimately affects the beer's taste.

After the short introduction about how beer should be enjoyed, the Hyatt Regency Saipan F&B staff led by executive chef Gabriel Colombo then wowed the crowd's palate with a five-course meal that was perfectly paired with Anheuser-Busch's finest selection of beers.

Reisch reminded everyone to take just small sips of the assigned beer after a nibble or two of the dishes. "Beer exists because food exists!" he quipped.

The appetizer was duckling confit marinated in Budweiser and accompanied by quinoa salad, baby greens, and roasted cherry tomatoes tied together by pearsan lavosh and lemon basil oil masterfully created by sous chef Joseph Deleon Guerrero. It was washed down by Budweiser.

This was followed by the delectable first course—shrimp and spinach ravioli, saffron



SAIPAN TRIBUNE  
 Anheuser-Busch, Inc. brew master George F. Reisch said the proper way of enjoying beer is using a glass and pouring it straight down the middle.



SAIPAN TRIBUNE  
 Sous chef Joseph Deleon Guerrero's masterful creation: Red berries granite, Bud Light jelly, and rosemary alongside a bottle of Bud Light.

broth, celery, dill, and essence of Stella Artois. The latter was the beer of choice.

The intermezzo or palate cleanser was red berries granite, Bud Light jelly, and rosemary and, you guessed it, a bottle of Bud Light in a tall glass.

The main entrée was Chef Colombo's roasted Certified Angus Beef beef rib eye medallion in horseradish and juniper berries crust, baby yellow squash, green beans, shallot, and AmberBock jus. Michelob AmberBock, an American-style

dark lager, complemented the dish nicely.

For dessert, German-style pilsner Beck's was paired with pastry chef Desman Tumanger's flourless Giandua chocolate pudding, Becks vanilla mousse, marinated orange, and almond brittle.

The Brew Master's Table: 5-Course Gourmet Beer Dinner was sponsored by Marianas Pacific Distributors, Inc., which is celebrating its 40th year anniversary in the Commonwealth. (Saipan Tribune)

# Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 28, 2005

## Burglars force open 13 DES classrooms

Thirteen classrooms at Dandan Elementary School fell prey to burglars over the weekend, making it the fourth school on Saipan burglarized in a span of a month. DES principal Jonas Barcinas said that, although he is saddened over the incident, he is also relieved that no property of value seems to have been taken from the school. Barcinas said they are puzzled about the motives of the unidentified burglars since, as of yesterday morning, there were no reports of anything lost or taken. He said a CD cassette player was even left inside one of the rooms.

## Feds give \$100K for displaced workers

The Department of the Interior has granted the CNMI government a \$100,000 grant to house and feed displaced nonresident workers. The grant forms part of a \$600,000 federal assistance package that was signed yesterday by Gov. Juan N. Babauta and Insular Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary David B. Cohen at the Governor's Office. The bulk of the federal grant—\$500,000—will be used to continue to improve the CNMI's labor and immigration system.

June 28, 2006

## Withdrawal of retirement contributions on the rise

Apparently alarmed over the future of the retirement program, more government employees are now withdrawing their contributions from the NMI Retirement Fund, according to officials. Fund board chair Joseph Reyes said yesterday that refund claims by employees nearly doubled this month. From the usual \$300,000 refunds a month, the figure rose to nearly \$600,000 this month, he said. The board chair said this "panic" was caused by the government's enactment of laws that, among others, aim to suspend its employer contribution to the Fund.

## CDA loan delinquency at 60 percent

The Commonwealth Development Authority recorded a delinquency rate of 60 percent on loans as of this month. This is already considered an improvement, compared with previous years. CDA's delinquency rate was at an astronomical 83 percent in 2004. CDA acting executive director Oscar Camacho could not readily say that 60 percent is a better rate, noting that there had been confusion as to the actual delinquency rate of CDA loans. "Previously it was said to be at 80 percent level. It's been disputed because of the way it was reported," he said.

June 28, 2007

## Lobbyist contract 'likely' to be renewed

The governor's spokesperson now says it is likely that the administration will sign up for another contract with its consultant in Washington, D.C. Press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. said yesterday that Oldaker, Biden & Belair has done "a fair job" of lobbying the U.S. Congress on behalf of the CNMI in relation to wage and immigration issues. "It's a difficult job. Only so much can be expected from any lobbyist at this point," Reyes said. "I think it is likely that they will be renewed for another six months at least." Oldaker, Biden & Belair was hired to block U.S. legislation federalizing the local minimum wage and immigration. It is paid \$90,000, plus approved expenses, for a six-month period ending on Monday, July 9, 2007. Reyes earlier said he was not sure whether the governor intends to proceed with the contract.

## Boy rescued from drowning at CK beach

A fisherman and a woman rescued a two-year-old boy who nearly drowned at a beach in Chalan Kanoa Tuesday morning. Department of Public Safety spokesperson Lei Ogumoro said yesterday that the fisherman and the woman conducted rescue breathing on the boy until he was revived. Ogumoro said responding Emergency Medical Service technicians transported the boy to the Commonwealth Health Center where he was treated and placed under further observation. Ogumoro said that on Tuesday at 10:39am, DPS received a call of a possible drowning incident at the Chalan Kanoa beachside located north of Chalan Kanoa Beach Club. The spokesperson said that based on preliminary investigation, BSS officers learned that the boy was walking and playing by himself in about a foot and a half of water along the shoreline.



# 'LibDay site's move to Susupe makes it more centrally located'

The 2013 Liberation Day's relocation from the Garapan Fishing Base to the Civic Center in

Susupe was made to make the festivities more centrally located, according to 2013 Lib-

eration Day committee chair Vicente Camacho.

He also pointed out that the Civic Center grounds were actually the original home of the Liberation Day celebrations and he remembers going to the area during the 4th of July in late '60s and early '70s.

He noted that the move to the Civic Center grounds was made not because there is anything wrong with the Garapan Fishing Base, but because it made the most economic sense and is more cost-effective.

Another reason he championed relocation is that it now gives residents of southern Saipan more reason to attend the Liberation Day festivities because it will be more centrally located compared to

when it was still at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Camacho, meanwhile, is reaching out to the business community to take part in the Liberation Day festivities by sharing their success stories.

"Every business large or small has a story to their success. The Liberation [Day] committee is asking the business community to come and share those stories, an opportunity to highlight your entrepreneurship, individual or collective talents, and cooperation. All government agencies are also being invited to participate along with the community to take part in celebrating Liberation Day. Contact the Liberation Day committee to inquire about the different categories of venues that may suit your

business. This year we want the community to promote their rights for a better livelihood and better representation."

This year's Liberation Day has the theme "The Spirit of Cooperation—Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

It kicks off today, June 28, at 6pm when the Liberation Day carnival grounds open with the official ceremony at 7pm.

The Liberation Day Queen coronation will be held on July 1 beginning 7pm with the much-awaited Liberation Day parade on July 4 beginning at 10am along Beach Road in Garapan.

The parade route will start in Guano Rai and go south to the Civic Center grounds.

There will also be nightly en-

tertainment at the Civic Center grounds during the duration of the Liberation Day celebration where vendor concession stands of all sorts are present.

In addition, Camacho said the Liberation Day committee has designated an area for the consumption of alcohol and tobacco at the Civic Center grounds.

Camacho also reminded those concerned that a meeting is scheduled on July 1, 3pm at the Civic Center grounds for all parade and float representative to discuss lineup, start times, safety, guidelines, and other procedures.

For more information about the 2013 Liberation Day celebration, contact the Saipan Mayor's Office for at 234-6208. (Saipan Tribune)

## Weak economy puts a damper on local beauty competitions

Even as Saipan-born Yvette Bennett will be competing this weekend in the 2013 Miss USA International pageant in Kissimmee, Florida, the previous organizer of local beauty pageants is lamenting the dormancy of similar competitions on the islands.

Laila Boyer, president of Stellar Marianas, said it is unfortunate that beauty pageants in the CNMI are in a sort of hibernation.

The last Miss Marianas competition was in 2008.

"Stellas Marianas, as the official group for Miss Marianas Universe, Miss Marianas Teen and Little Miss Marianas, has been inactive the past few years due to the sluggish economy. It is not easy putting pageants together," she told *Saipan Tribune*.



Bennett

Cherlyn B. Cabrera, principal of Marianas High School and the 1999 Miss CNMI Universe, said it is sad that local pageants seem to have taken a leave of absence and that someone who has vision should look at restarting it again.

Unlike other countries and even states in the U.S., local pageants are organized by volunteers and are non-profit endeavors all the way.

Cabrera also agrees with Boyer that the lack of activity in the beauty pageant front seems to have coincided with the slowdown of the economy.

All is not lost though, as Boyer said that Bennett's recent success in the Miss Idaho U.S. International contest may just be the jump-start Stellar Marianas needs to revive local pageants once again.

"Yvette is inspiring us as a group of volunteers to get going again and you may see the Marianas line of pageants on stage soon once again," she said.

### Yvette's chances

Boyer and Cabrera are optimistic of Bennett's chances

## Dr. Anne Hattori to be featured on Your Humanities Half-Hour

Visiting University of Guam history professor Dr. Anne Perez Hattori will be the featured guest on this Sunday's "Your Humanities Half-Hour" radio program.

Hattori has been on Saipan the past week facilitating a history research workshop sponsored by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council.

Also appearing on the show will be workshop participants

in the Miss USA International Pageant.

"She has already made history by winning Miss Idaho International. If she wins this Saturday as Miss USA International, she would be blazing a path in CNMI pageantry and bring much needed positive attention to our islands, not only as a tourist destination but also as an exemplary role model for our young women," said Boyer.

She said Bennett actually started her training with Stellar Marianas as a participant for the first Beauty Boot Camp. "We had one summer and she was a natural!"

Later, Bennett joined as a contestant for the 2007 Miss Marianas Teen pageant, won Best in Evening Gown, and just bloomed from there.

"It is super exciting to see an intelligent, beautiful, strong, young woman from our islands achieve what she is achieving right now. Wishing you all the luck, Yvette and we are cheering for you."

Cabrera said that Bennett has an excellent chance in this weekend's pageant because she is beautiful, smart, and has a great character.

She also understands Bennett's parents' frustration with the lack of financial support extended by local entities to their daughter since she is not an official CNMI candidate.

Cabrera shared that even during her stint as Miss CNMI Universe she had a hard time fundraising and she came to expect only a lot of moral support from local businesses and the community but not much on the financial side.

Bennett, the daughter of Ambrose Bennett and Lilianne Deleon Guerrero, won the 2013 Miss Idaho U.S. International last year and will represent the state in the Miss International USA Pageant in Florida on June 28 and 29. (Saipan Tribune)

Ignacio Dela Cruz, Guadalupe Borja Robinson, Jennifer Welton, and Maria Takai.

Your Humanities Half-Hour, hosted by Catherine Perry, airs each Sunday afternoon from 2pm to 2:30pm on Power 99. It features interviews with scholars, researchers, teachers, and community leaders on a wide range of humanities topics of interest to the community. (PR)

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## Digging a deeper fiscal hole

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The rainy and typhoon season quietly slipped in. We want less of the latter, including the superstorm of fiscal disaster that has picked up strength to the tune of \$740 million.

Sailing into the open sea promises braving fate against powerful headwinds. Such is the dire fiscal posture of these isles. Appalling though the persistent casual behavior of the elected elite, seemingly amnesiac to the destructive force of bankruptcy everywhere.

Be that as it may, it's when the simple folks in the villages begin asking common-sense questions about the non-performance of their elected representatives that you begin sensing their true sentiments full square. It's failure turning into highly explosive exasperation and exhaustion that turns into interesting fireworks worthy of a cold beer and sashimi along the beach.

Listening to the pulse of our simple folks in the villages doesn't require sophisticated scientific methodology. Just keep your ears to the ground and you'd hear questions like: Aren't they capable of some semblance of simple perception of the colossal cost of negligence? Folks are alluding to the \$740 million deficit that sets the path for fiscal paralysis soon, if not already.

**Taxes:** The flurry of taxes approved in recent past (amidst economic cataclysm or disaster) merits quick critical review to see if the desired goal is being met. Or did it exact the complete opposite—far less, therefore, regressive and degenerative! If it failed revenue generation then you know it was only your misguided ego that was filled with superficial satisfaction, nothing else. In short, you've royally failed due diligence!

**Spending:** The next level is spending: An opportunity to critically review spending, specifically spending habits. Realignment of duplicative responsibilities could eliminate excess positions, including elimination of government-provided transportation, cell phones, etc. Is the political elite capable of making hard decisions or is it ready to employ the grand sense of complicity to shaft taxpayers some more?

**Borrowing:** We've started honing dependency of piling more debts daily with blurred vision that such a path would spur greater potency on economic growth. But in the sale of pension obligation bonds, there's the greater chance of investors demanding far more by way of interest on their investments. Are we prepared for this eventuality? Too, what if the bond market melts or collapses two years from now?

Not only have we glorified digging a deeper and wider fiscal hole, we open ourselves to genuflect to demands of folks from without who chance buying into our bond flotation. It would translate into more interest payment beyond our wildest imaginings. It's a larger pile of debt slammed against the back of our children for failing to do critical due diligence.

Not only would this pile of debt render the NMI fiscal paralysis but would further derail any decent efforts to grow the economy. This fiscal tango usually goes in tandem. Is this the path you wish to set up for our children?

Indeed, the dismally anemic economy (literally disastrous) is up-permost on the table upon which other significant collateral issues

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## Shenyang Sashay

Leave us to come up with an irreverent and corny masthead to our projected campus English rag. We may never actually have one, but China is in a hurry to finesse its second language for its ascending populace eager to get into the global stage since the Beijing Olympics 2008. We want to be ahead of the game at the university since Shenyang, a metropolitan center of 7 million people, does not have an English newspaper.

Whoa! We are not galloping into the print shop for a daily, but as our title suggests, we are walking in an ostentatious yet casual manner, typically with exaggerated movements of the hips and shoulders (with the butt and the tummy as another sideshow altogether). We went to school in Texas and in square dancing, to sashay is for partners to circle each other by taking sideways steps.

With a host country's penchant for indirection matching perfectly our propensity to avoid directness, we are doing the appropriate step. Sashay, we shall!

China President Xi Jinping visited Trinidad and Tobago around his California huddle with Obama at Rancho Mirage in California, so proficiency in English comes as a high priority, now that the diplomatic corps has shifted from the flamboyant French to crafty English. That Xi allegedly spoke freely to Obama in English in California no longer comes as a surprise, nor was it locally chastised by the literati compared to Premier Li Keqiang getting castigated a couple of years ago when he finished a speech in Hong Kong in fluent English!

We have a whole summer to brood over this *Eureka* moment, not so much whether or not to produce a rag, but on the logistical and moral support to make it happen.

Well, let's say the logistics is the easy part, and we shall consider it done.

It is the moral support that has us on the blind side.

We operate out of a culture steeped in *mianzi* and *guanxi* (face and connection).

First, the *mianzi*. So far as I can tell, face is neither created nor earned. It is conferred. Not unlike Sir Hillary of the Mt. Everest fame getting an OBE from the royals at Westminster, face as status and integrity is conferred by a recognized authority. In the olden days from Qin to Qing, one's superiors in the highly stratified Chinese society, ultimately the emperor, did the conferring. Face was granted to distribute power over real estate, communal resources, and the social pagoda.

The granting of face develops familiar channels. Both official and unofficial ones involve a lot of cajoling. Thus our relationship to SAU hierarchy is practically nil. Other than with the dean of the International Education Division and members of the staff, we have not been granted the requisite *mianzi* other than as a foreign teacher, and we may be centuries away from the Ming and the Qing, but foreigners are still regarded as uncouth barbarians!

And there is *guanxi*, the necessary connections, the enabling and

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facilitating net.

An obvious Dale Carnegie devotee of positive thinking, the dean has papered the Friendship Villa and the International Students' Apartment with positive sayings and pithy aphorisms. He sat through my developmental economics lecture that initiated my entry into the university, which led to the invitation to lecture on macroeconomics to foreign students from Third World countries. I detested and was found wanting on econometrics, a revered component to economics learning in academe, so I quickly lost any recognized expertise in the academic field.

But I carry a blue U.S. passport and passed as a native English speaker, officially a resident of Hawaii, and most recently of Saipan, with ESL teaching experience in many parts of the world, so I was asked to come aboard the Foreign Language Department to teach Chinese students Oral English. Save my favorable standing with the dean and staff, I do not have any connection to the university power pool.

But I know how to sashay. *Shen Jing Ping* is the expletive for a crazy fool ("psycho" as a colloquial term of endearment), so we took on the name. Crazy English is a craze started by the guy who was divorced by his Caucasian wife after he would not cease his practice of domestic violence. It has become the Falun Gong of English learning with a faithful flock and following. So now, we too are a crazy teacher!

But, we are crazy in a different way. To begin with, students do not talk in English about themes and subjects from articles they have read. They are prodded to plumb the depths and heights of their personal existence, be expressive of their feelings, and articulate the wanderings of their brains, finally letting teacher and fellow students know of their life's intent after meeting themselves, perhaps, for the first time. They also get invited to view a more comprehensive telling of their history, and a more dynamic understanding of the workings of society—economically, politically, and culturally. Then they get to say "nay" or "aye" to it all!

Perhaps, I should detail my sashay as the art of being a *shen jing ping*!

In any case, I have until August to format the plan, and given that my contract is good for another semester, we might just have a whole university sashaying its way to English come September!



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## The time machine

During a morning drive to get coffee and bagel, my brain swirled with a hundred untidy tasks I had to face for the day. Then I flipped on the car radio. Out popped a song by Cheap Trick, *Surrender*, which came out in 1978. As soon as those old, familiar sounds hit my ears I forgot all about the day's grind. I was whisked back to high school, hanging out with my pals at the beach, soaking up equal amounts of sun, sand, and truancy.

It was a great 4-minute vacation. No passport necessary.

Well, that's music for you. It's a time machine. It moves us from "now" to "then" in an instant. It's more powerful when we don't expect it, when some random song ambushes us and takes us somewhere else.

I think that's why I often like radio over CDs or MP3s. Radio introduces a random element that you can't anticipate. Instead of seeking your past, it's like your past is seeking you.

Says the past: "Hello there, I was just floating through the ether and caught sight of you, so I thought I'd just tap on your brain and show you this brief flashback. Hope you enjoyed it. Well, off I go now, but I'll see you again sometime; maybe in a month, maybe in a year, you just never know."

*Surrender* was a catchy little toe-tapper, to be sure. But it wasn't my favorite song or anything close to it. It was just, well, there, as part of the scenery. It went well with whatever it was going with at the time.

Like a wine snob might say, "It was unpretentious, yet bold enough to be good company, and personable enough to be enjoyed by all."

If you've ever doubted the endurance of rock and roll, then a few cal-

culations will dispel your doubts. *Surrender* is now 35 years old. Cheap Trick, which started in 1973 in Rockford, Ill., is not some footnote in music history, but is still a going concern and still giving concerts.

I saw them a few years ago when they opened for Aerosmith, and if you want to talk longevity, Aerosmith was formed in 1970; that's 43 years ago, and they're still going strong.

The '70s rock, or some of it, anyway, has been branded "classic," but it doesn't seem dated.

There's an interesting Pacific wrinkle to the Cheap Trick story, one that I've never really understood, but I can tell you what I think I know.

Rockford, Ill. is a long way from Tokyo, but it was the Japanese who pretty much launched the group to stardom. While hitting the charts in Japan, Cheap Trick released an album of a concert they performed in the Budokan arena in Tokyo. The album, *Cheap Trick at Budokan*, eventually made it to the states, where it became a big hit in 1979.

One of our high school teachers regularly inveighed against rock and roll back then, and told us how shallow and commercial it was, and how shallow we were for listening to it. The next installment of that diatribe was always that if all we cared about was cars, dating, and parties, we'd never amount to anything. Our frivolous music, so he said, was yet more evidence that we didn't take life seriously enough.

Well, we learned a lesson, all right: One of the constant factors in the universe seems to be frustrated, petty little men who take themselves far too seriously.

Meanwhile, I'll note that we really didn't listen to all that much

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music. In the car, yes. During parties, of course. Beyond that, I'll bet we played music less than an hour a day. College was the same way. Nobody who I knew needed, or wanted, constant noise to crowd their heads all the time.

But the constant noise trend was just about to take off. And here we look to Japan again. In 1979, the same year that *Cheap Trick at Budokan* was hitting the airwaves in the U.S., Sony unveiled a portable cassette player called the "Walkman." This was pretty much the forerunner of the iPod, so it's a concept that is far older than many of its customers are these days.

But something that applies to everyone, I think, is the fact that music has a way of engraining itself in an overall experience. This makes it a powerful trigger for memories long after the fact, even decades down the road. Even before the digital world came along, recorded music was a time machine.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have a bagel to eat and a cup of coffee to finish. Relishing the past was nice, but I have a day of chores to endure. Maybe it's time to turn the radio on again.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Chances I missed: A tribute to Joey Camero

In his monthlong stay at the intensive care unit of the Commonwealth Health Center, there were so many chances when I could have visited him. He was my colleague and I worked in the same building with him. There were no excuses not to see him for just a minute. Even on the night before he was taken to another life, I happened to be in the station next to the ICU to do some errands as part of my nursing duty. Yes, I was outside that door but I changed my mind and went back to my station instead. I thought it would be better that way—to remember him as the energetic Nurse Joey who carried his supervisor's clipboard while making his hospital rounds and asking how our day was; to remember him as Nurse Joey doing great actions at the Emergency Room and being the front-liner of different cases; Nurse Joey who did so many good deeds. I also wanted to remember him as the *Kuya* Joey who reassures that everything's going to be fine.

"Good night," he said, when my co-workers and I logged out at the supervisor's lounge after our night duty about two months ago. That was the last time I saw him and my last imprint of him that I will remember.

I believe that everything happens for a reason. Though we may not know the reason why God has taken Nurse Joey so early, there's still one thing I know, that he's in a better place now. His decades of services when he first came here in 1986 has planted many good seeds that would be remembered by those who were touched by his nurturing and caring hands as a nurse.

Goodbye, *Kuya* Joey. You'll be missed by your CHCC family. Although you may not be here anymore, your kindness and your legacy will always be remembered.

**Riza Ramos**

San Jose, Saipan

## Thank you

The Rota Little League Baseball Association's president, vice presidents, umpires, managers, and coaches, volunteers, parents, and most specially the Intermediate (50/70) Division All-Star players representing the CNMI Baseball Delegation in the Asia-Pacific/Middle-East Regional Baseball Tournament in Pampanga, Philippines, would like to extend our sincere heartfelt appreciation and *un dangkulu na si yu'us ma'ase* to the Division of Youth Services through the diligent support of DCCA Secretary Laura T. Ogu-moro and acting DYS administrator Vivian Sablan for generously sponsoring the uniforms for our players heading to the tournament. We will be dismayed if we did not mention the names of Mr. Tony Rogolofoi and Ms. Rose Igitol for their untiring support and commitment in seeking out a sponsor for our players. Without the help of these individuals, our players' needs would not have been met! Once again, thank you for all the help and support that has been given to our CNMI baseball teams!

**Oscar Quitugua II**

Intermediate (50/70) Division Manager

## DIGGING

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are relegated for now. If the economy doesn't move, nothing else would be set in motion. We would be caught once more with our flat feet in the filthy swamp of *mañana*, pondering what went wrong as though the elected elite isn't part of the messy equation. It's all in the palm of your hands.

### Foggy thinking: New management tool

There's history, current events, and opportunities to peek into the future. We each have indelible memories of our journeys, triumphs, and successes, including failure in our roles as guardians of this archipelago. We peek quietly into the future to see a vision of what lies ahead.

Personally, I've just about scribbled on every major issue we've come across over the last 40 years. Did I succeed? You be the final arbiter of that query. Could we do more on a proactive basis to make a difference? This too is in the palm of your hands. How long must we soothe the feathers of casual behavior to our detriment and subse-

quent demise? Take this too and run with it.

Indeed, most folks prefer basking on the sunny side of their comfort zones. Such seems to be the natural behavior of islanders, you know, *mañana*. But this must change into the more proactive mode to instill requisite and timely changes over the way things are done here.

Is it now policy to pile the tender backs of our children with more egregious loans as to ruin their future economic freedom? With deepening fiscal paralysis, why open the floodgates of lifetime debts against our kids? What and how would they benefit from one too many piles of debts our men of wisdom have neglected since 1978?

### At issue: *Walang pera!*

The beaches of the archipelago are clean, whitish, immaculate, showered daily by "crystal" clear tiny waves moving in from the Philippine Sea. Occasionally, I would visit a certain beach if only to get some healthy mist of salty air. It's good to do it in the early morn'.

Occasionally, too, I would meet throw-net fishermen who would share their catch, the crown jewel of grand felicitation among islanders. He would move on while I head to a shady tree nearby.

All the while I could hear the croaky lethal echo of government bankruptcy from the hill.

It's a bit too late to employ the blame game how the elected elite have royally failed taxpayers. This government is definitely broke! While I've taken a contrarian view on casino, this time I had to realistically take an overview of the fiscal disaster at home. There's a huge difference between what's "ideal" versus what's "real" (reality) in the fiscal posture at home. We're nosing high on debts and there's no realistic revenue streams in sight.

North and south of this verdant strand were the fishing grounds of our ancestors. But today I was fishing for something different: 100-lb sacks filled with money to bring to the NMI treasury to cover the debts of the local government of some \$740 million. But there's none! It was a bad fishing trip that only happened in the corners of my imagination.

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Agonizing the obvious absence of intellectual acuity, depth and integrity among policymakers here, you know, the non-percipient bunch who intone "Row, row, row you boat," avoiding issues of substance. It's still the economy; still bad too, *lai*, remember? Is foggy thinking the new fad among our suspect men of wisdom?



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼75
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲90 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲85 ▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86 ▼77
Kosrae	Showers	▲86 ▼77
Majuro	Showers	▲85 ▼80

### Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲55 ▼48
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼74
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼82
Honolulu	Showers	▲83 ▼71
London	Showers	▲65 ▼55
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲87 ▼69
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲59 ▼43
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼78
New York	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼70
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼71
Paris	Showers	▲61 ▼57
Pusan	Sunny	▲79 ▼69
Rome	Showers	▲73 ▼61
Salem	Sunny	▲91 ▼61
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲72 ▼58
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼71
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲78 ▼68
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲91 ▼72

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:40 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	
6:48 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet	
11:45 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	
6:39 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet	

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:55 PM	10:24 AM
Saturday	11:38 PM	11:18 AM
Sunday		12:11 PM
Monday	12:19 AM	1:02 PM
Tuesday	1:01 AM	1:52 PM

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UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
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SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7	SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16
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UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



# Anti-cancer group expresses profound thanks to Hardy

The Commonwealth Cancer Association presented Dr. Jack Hardy on Wednesday with a plaque of recognition and appreciation for his over 15 years of contributions, untiring support, and tireless volunteering with the CCA.

Hardy's involvement with the CCA was instrumental in its early years as the organization transitioned from a fundraising branch of the American Cancer Society to a full-fledged community-based organization dedicated to supporting cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and education and prevention programs in the CNMI.

A surgeon for some 20 years at the Commonwealth Health Center, Hardy's devotion to the care of patients, to health, and to improving support and services for patients and specifically cancer patients, led to his early participation in the development of the CCA.

Hardy is a founding member of the CCA and a driving force behind both the CCA and the Marianas March Against Cancer. He has been an adviser for the organization since its inception, providing medical journals and information, guidance on policies and procedures, website services, caregiver matters,

## 2 AlumKnights graduate from the University of Washington

Two former students of Mount Carmel School recently graduated from the University of Washington and successfully landed jobs in two prestigious organizations.

AlumKnights Chiaki Hirose and A Ram Yoo are both members of Mount Carmel School's Class of 2009. Both graduated from MCS with honors, earning several awards including the President's Award for Education Excellence, recognitions for their membership in the school's Sacred Heart Chapter of the National Honor Society, and for competing in various extra-curricular activities like the mock trial, We the People, and Theatre Club.

Chiaki recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in Medical Technology and is preparing to work at the university's Medical Center as a medical technologist next month.

Chiaki attributed her success at the University of Washington to her experience at Mount Carmel.

"Four years at UW in Seattle was a tough but exciting and adventurous journey that was made possible by all the people and experience on Saipan that shaped me and prepared me for



Commonwealth Cancer Association officers present a plaque of recognition and appreciation to Dr. Jack Hardy on Wednesday during the board-sponsored luncheon on his behalf at the Pacific Islands Club.

and the MMAC photo gallery year after year. He has been a volunteer for the Tournament of Champions, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, the Walking Association, and PAWS, and for the CCA's cancer prevention drives against human papilloma virus.

"The Oracle," as he is known to the CCA and MMAC family, received the plaque during the board-sponsored luncheon on his behalf at the Pacific

Islands Club. Members of the board and staff took turns expressing their sincere appreciation for the sustained efforts of Hardy. The CCA will be hard-pressed to find a more dedicated volunteer and with as much knowledge as Hardy.

The words etched on the plaque, "For your service to CCA, for your devotion to cancer prevention, for your spirit of love, friendship, and cooperation expressed in everything you undertake and for the example you provided to all of us," acknowledges the significant efforts of this great citizen in aiding the cancer patient and support community. The CCA family, while tremendously saddened by his departure, wishes him all of the best in his future endeavors. (CCA)

## Gear up for a splashin' summer!



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2009 AlumKnights A Ram Yoo, left, and Chiaki Hirose, at the University of Washington campus right before their graduation.

my new career in medicine," Chiaki said.

A Ram, meantime, earned her bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in International Studies and will work for Samsung in Seoul, Korea. She will start next month.

A Ram also gave credit to her home island and alma mater for her accomplishments. "This success could not have been acquired without my experience on Saipan and UW," A Ram said. (Moneth G. Deposa)



## Bellas recuses self from presiding over Fund's lawsuit

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Superior Court pro tempore judge Timothy H. Bellas has recused himself from presiding over the NMI Retirement Fund's lawsuit against the CNMI government.

*Saipan Tribune* learned only yesterday that Bellas disqualified himself from the case on June 11, a month after the Fund filed a lawsuit against him for allegedly refusing to return \$12,148.67 in overpayment that was mistakenly paid him.

On Tuesday, Bellas filed his counterclaims against the Fund and its administrator, Lillian Pangelinan, for breach of fiduciary duty, negligent misrepresentation, rescission, breach of contract, and violation of the Truth in Lending Act.

In his recusal order, Bellas

said a pro tem judge serves in order to assist the CNMI Judiciary and to minimize the expenditures to be incurred in cases where conflicts or recusal arise but the filing of the Fund's lawsuit against him now mandates his recusal.

He vacated the status hearing then set for June 13, 2013, and returned the Fund's case against the government to Superior Court presiding judge Robert C. Naraja for reassignment or other action.

The former judge said the Fund originally selected the Superior Court as the forum in which to institute the lawsuit against the government in 2006.

Bellas said that despite the entry of a judgment in favor of the Fund and the late, post-judgment, stage of the litigation, the Fund sought the disqualification of several judges.

He said the third disqualification motion was denied by the Superior Court on March 4, 2013.

The following day, March 5, Bellas said the Fund filed a notice of removal of the Fund's lawsuit against the government to the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Bellas said the Fund, through its trustee and attorneys, has now instituted a lawsuit against him.

The Fund filed the lawsuit against Bellas on May 12, 2013. The Fund wants Bellas to return the amount, plus interest, attorney's fees, and court costs.

In his counterclaims, the former judge stated, among other things, that neither the Fund nor its administrator ever provided any complete disclosure of the amounts that he would be required to pay back the Fund in compliance with the Truth in Lending Act.

## 'Happy Children in paradise' returns on July 1

One of the Marianas Visitors Authority's longest-standing promotional campaigns, Happy Children in Paradise, returns to put smiles on the faces of visiting children beginning Monday, July 1.

The campaign provides Saipan-da backpacks to all visiting children ages 11 and younger as a souvenir of their visit to the Northern Mariana Islands during the summer months and at Christmas time. The MVA expects to give away approximately 16,000 of the 14th anniversary backpacks to happy kids this year.

"Saipan-da renames a popular guy among our visitors and continues to do a great job of making the Northern Marianas and Saipan familiar to potential visitors," said MVA market-



The 14th year edition of the Saipan-da backpack for 2013. The Marianas Visitors Authority expects to distribute 16,000 of the backpacks to visiting children this year as part of its Happy Children in Paradise campaign.

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"[About] 95 percent of international flights to the Northern Marianas fly to Saipan, and

when we're competing at international trade shows or other events with over 100 other vacation destinations, Saipan-da helps keep our islands in people's minds. If they can remember us through huggable Saipan-da, it works!"

The summer campaign will run through Sept. 30, 2013. Participating hotels will distribute coupons to qualified guests during the period. The coupons will be redeemable at the DFS Galleria Saipan-da Corner, where a live action Saipan-da will greet guests and be available for picture taking.

The name Saipan-da is a triple play on words in English and Japanese: "sai" means rhinoceros, the panda bear, and the destination name Saipan. The whole word Saipan-da! means "Saipan is it!" in Japanese, or "Saipan's the place to be!" (MVA)

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy 2nd birthday to a fabulous little man that makes us smile all day. We love you, Bobby Vidal! Greetings come from Kuya Bryant and Kuya Ivan.

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Happy, happy birthday greetings go out to Lauren Jardiner, who is celebrating her birthday today, June 28. Wishing you many more birthdays and blessings on your special day! Cheers and enjoy...

from the Celis family.

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- Does not speak at least 15 words
- Does not use two-word sentences by age 2
- Does not imitate actions or words by the end of this period
- Does not follow simple instructions by age 2
- Cannot find objects when hidden under 2 or 3 covers
- Cannot push a wheeled toy by age 2
- Experiences a dramatic loss of skills he or she once had

**Learn the Signs. Act Early.**

You may also contact the **Children's Developmental Assistance Center (C\*DAC)** at **664-4830** for a **FREE** developmental screening!

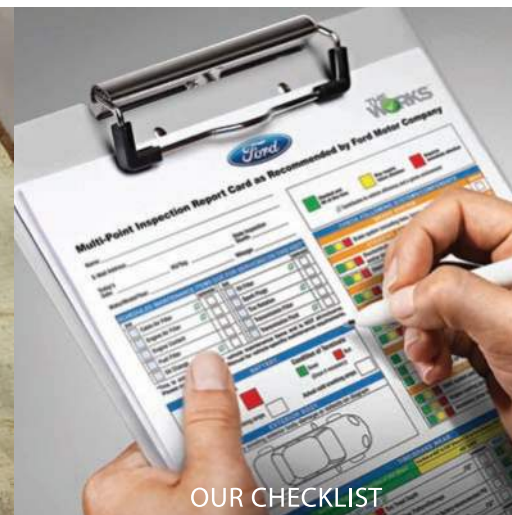
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### COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region IX Administrator Jared Blumenfeld, fifth from right, recently met with representatives of the Northern Marianas College to discuss how the two agencies can expand their collaborative partnership. The college and the EPA have a memorandum of understanding that details how the two organizations have agreed to increase cooperative efforts to advance their respective missions. Blumenfeld was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as EPA Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest in November 2009. EPA Region 9 is home to more than 48 million people in California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, the Pacific Islands, and 148 tribal nations.

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## New OSHA program targets automotive lifts in territories

**HONOLULU**—To reduce injuries and fatalities associated with the operation of automotive lifts, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration is launching a local emphasis program in Hawaii, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa in July.

OSHA compliance offices will begin conducting inspections to identify and evaluate hazards of lifts used in the automotive industry. Inspections will be conducted at randomly selected sites in general operations within targeted industries, such as: automobile dealers; automotive repair and maintenance shops; gasoline stations; and automotive parts, accessories and tire stores. In addition, OSHA will respond to complaints, referrals and fatalities related to operations where automotive lifts are used.

"Workers in the automotive industry are exposed to crushing hazards from automotive lifts when servicing and repairing vehicles," said Ken Atha, OSHA's Regional Administrator in the West. "These hazardous risks can be limited by properly maintaining automotive lifts and pro-

viding workers with effective training regarding inspection and use of lifts."

Most of OSHA's inspections for automotive lifts result from un-programmed work initiated by complaints, referrals and incidents. Since 2007, according to OSHA's Fatality and Catastrophe Investigation Summary database, OSHA has conducted several automotive lift inspections, 11 of which resulted from fatalities. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, a total of 15,000 workers were treated in hospitals for automotive lift, jack or jack stand injuries. By targeting inspection activity to employers in the automotive industry, OSHA hopes to reduce the injury and fatality rates of employers who use these devices.

Employers and employees with questions regarding workplace safety and health standards may call OSHA's Honolulu Area Office at 808-541-2680. Small businesses also may request assistance at no charge from the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program at 808-586-9100 or by email at [dlir.hiosh@hawaii.gov](mailto:dlir.hiosh@hawaii.gov). **(OSHA)**

## All slots filled for 'Cool Roof' program

The CNMI Department of Public Works' Energy Division—Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant would like to announce that as a result of the certification and acceptance of 124 completed applications, the maximum approved and allotted under the program to receive services for the application of cool roof products, it is no longer accepting applications. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

For more information or questions regarding this program, you may visit the CNMI

Energy Division EECBG Office located at the Springs Development Plaza along Chalan Pale Arnold Rd. (Middle Rd.) or you may contact program coordinator Maggie Untalan or assistant program coordinator Stanley Laniyo at the Energy Division EECBG Office (670) 664-4487/89/90.

"Funding opportunity for this project is made available through a grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 by the U.S. Department of Energy—Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. **(PR)**

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# Federal grant opportunities for eligible applicants in NMI

The Office of Grants Management, under the Office of the Governor, announced yesterday several federal grant opportunities for the following:

**A. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders:** The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to educate health care providers (doctors, nurses, etc.) about the dangers of alcohol use during pregnancy and the need for appropriate alcohol screening and treatment to prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

**Eligible applicants**

■ State governments, county governments, city or township governments, special district governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments), nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education. Per 42 CFR Section 51a.3 (a), any public or private entity, including an Indian tribe or tribal organization (as defined at 25 U.S.C. 450b) is eligible

to apply. Faith- and community-based organizations are also eligible to apply.

- Funding opportunity number: HRSA-13-261
- Opportunity category: Discretionary
- Posted date: June 12, 2013
- Current closing date for application: July 12, 2013
- Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement
- Award ceiling: \$478,000
- Award floor: \$0

For the full description of the grant, access grants.gov or the direct link at: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=236273B>.

**B. Vessel Emission Re-reduction Pilot/Demonstration Project:** The Maritime Administration Office of Environment is issuing this request for applications for projects that demonstrate criteria pollutant emissions of carbon emissions reductions from marine vessels through repowering, re-engining, or using alternative fuel/energy

**Eligible Applicants**

- Eligible applicants include vessel owners, operators or public sponsors.
- Funding Opportunity Number: DTMA-91-R-2013-0020
- Opportunity category: Discretionary
- Posted date: June 13, 2013
- Current closing date: July 12, 2013
- Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement
- Estimated Total Program Funding: \$900,000
- Award Ceiling: n/a
- Award Floor: n/a
- Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

For the full description of the grant, access grants.gov or the direct link at: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=236313>

**C. Liquefied Natural Gas Bunkering Study:** The Maritime Administration Office of Environment is issuing a request for proposals for a comprehensive study on the issues associated with the

bunkering of LNG for marine vessels.

**Eligible Applicants**

- Unrestricted; Open to everyone
- Funding Opportunity Number: DTMA-91-R-2013-0009
- Opportunity Category: Discretionary
- Posted Date: June 13, 2013
- Current Closing Date: July 12, 2013
- Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement
- Estimated Total Program Funding: \$500,000
- Award Ceiling: n/a
- Award Floor: n/a

For the full description of the grant, access grants.gov or the direct link at: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=236314>

**D. FY2014 Research Opportunities in High Energy Physics:** The mission of the High Energy Physics program is to understand how the universe works at its most fundamental level, which is done by discovering the elementary constituents of matter and energy, prob-

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### COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY MULTI YEAR FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT SERVICES

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CPA-RFP-006-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed cost proposal for auditing services for a period of three (3) fiscal years. The location and scope of work package is available beginning May 23rd, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.


Interested proposers must submit one original and three copies of the sealed proposal. Only proposals from U.S. nationally recognized firms will be accepted.

The sealed proposals must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, June 28, 2013, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

**FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY**

/S/JOSE R. LIFOIFOI  
Chairman/Contracting Officer

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

June 28, 2013

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. David W. Dougherty	03/22/2013 SSm-2013-X-020	Residential Improvement	Garapan	Shoreline APC	Approved (05/22/2013)*
2. Homeland Security Emergency Management	04/29/2013 PSm-2013-X-027	Scientific Research	Pagan	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (05/30/2013)*
3. Le Grand Bleu SLRm-2013-X-040	05/20/2013	Scuba Diving	Lagoon & Reef	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (05/20/2013)*
4. Saipan Crew Boat SPIm-2013-X-041	06/19/2013	Dry Dock	Ports & Industrial	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (06/19/2013)*
5. SandJuvy Restaurant SSm-2013-X021 (Amend)	06/12/2013	Sewer Line Connection	Oleai, San Jose	Amendment	Approved ( 06/20/2013)*
6. Mac's Marine SRLm-2013-X-042	06/19/2013	Lagoon Tours	Lagoon & Reef	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (06/26/2013)*
7. YCO Corporation SSm-2013-X-043	05/16/2013	True Value Hardware Store	Garapan	Shoreline APC	Under Review
8. Liberation Day Committee SSm-2013-X-044	06/24/2013	2013 Liberation Day Festival	Civic Center	Shoreline APC	Approved (06/26/2013)*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.



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ing the interactions between them, and exploring the basic nature of space and time. This Funding Opportunity Announcement invites applications in six specific areas: 1. Experimental Research at the Energy Frontier; 2. Experimental Research at the Intensity Frontier; 3. Experimental Research at the Cosmic Frontier; 4. Theoretical Research; 5. Accelerator Science and Technology Research and Development; 6. Particle Detector Research and Development.

**Eligible Applicants**

- Unrestricted; Applications will only be accepted from regionally-accredited U.S. academic institutions or domestic nonprofit organizations subject to section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0000948
- Opportunity Category: Discretionary
- Posted Date: June 24, 2013
- Current Closing Date: Sep 09, 2013
- Funding Instrument Type: Grant
- Estimated Total Program Funding: \$0
- Award Ceiling: \$0
- Award Floor: \$0

For the full description of the grant, access grants.gov or the direct link at: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=236723>

**E. Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant:** The primary objective of the SSDPG program is to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged agricultural producers through eligible cooperatives and cooperative development centers. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

**Eligible Applicants**

- Cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers are eligible to apply for the SSDPG Program
- Opportunity Number: RDBCP-SSDPG-2013
- Opportunity Category: Discretionary
- Posted Date: June 24, 2013
- Current Closing Date: July 10, 2013
- Funding Instrument Type: Grant
- Estimated Total Program Funding: \$2,855,222
- Award Ceiling: \$200,000
- Award Floor: n/a

For the full description of the grant, access grants.gov or the direct link at:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=236724>

**F. Community Services Block Grant:** Risk Mitigation Training and Technical Assistance Center: The Office of Community Services within the Administration for Children and Families announces funding for one 2-year cooperative agreement to expand and support the coordination of the Community Services Block Grant nationwide Training and Technical Assistance the Risk Mitigation Training and Technical Assistance Center.

**Eligible Applicants**

- Eligible applicants are CSBG-eligible entities or statewide or local organizations or associations with demonstrated expertise in providing training on methods of effectively addressing the needs of low-income families and communities. Faith-based and community organizations that meet the eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this funding opportunity announcement
- Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2013-ACF-OCS-ET-0581
- Opportunity Category: Discretionary
- Posted Date: June 07, 2013
- Current Closing Date: July 25, 2013
- Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement
- Estimated Total Program Funding: \$400,000
- Award Ceiling: \$400,000
- Award Floor: \$400,000

For the full description of the grant, access grants.gov or the direct link at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2013-ACF-OCS-ET-0581>

**G. Community Services Block Grant:** Learning Communities Resource Center: The Office of Community Services within the Administration for Children and Families will support one 2-year cooperative agreement for a Community Services Block Grant Learning Communities Resource Center. This resource center will be designed to promote the creation of learning communities within the CSBG Network to analyze Community Action outcomes and identify effective, promising, and innovative practice models to address current causes and conditions of poverty.

**Eligible Applicants**

- Eligible applicants are CSBG-eligible entities or statewide or local organizations or associations with demonstrated expertise in providing training on methods of effectively addressing the needs of low-income families and communities. Faith-based and community organizations that meet the eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this funding opportunity announcement
- Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2013-ACF-OCS-ET-0582
- Opportunity Category: Discretionary
- Posted Date: June 07, 2013
- Current Closing Date: July 25, 2013
- Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement
- Estimated Total Program Funding: \$400,000
- Award Ceiling: \$400,000
- Award Floor: \$400,000

For the full description of the grant, access grants.gov or the direct link at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2013-ACF-OCS-ET-0582>

**H. Operation Dragon Fire Monitoring, Gathering, and Mapping Social Media and Crowdsourced Information to Improve the Ability to Prepare and Respond to All-Hazards:** The purpose of Operation Dragon Fire is to create a cloud-based, participatory platform to fill the gap in real-time, local, and accurate information received during the initial phase of an emergency; supporting enhanced situation awareness, informed decision making, and rapid deployment of resources. This innovative system will integrate multiple data sources—crowdsourced information, social media data, and traditional data—and validate information using gold standard surveillance data to provide a single trusted source of publicly accessible information and a tool to support two-way communication and dissemination of emergency information in real-time; evaluation of planning, response, and recovery activities; and the implementation of lessons learned and strategies to mitigate all-hazard morbidity and mortality. ODF is establishing the system by leveraging a diverse range of expertise from federal agencies, NGOs, state/local health departments, community groups, and preparedness and information technology experts.

mation technology experts.

**Eligible Applicants**

- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD) - Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS status
- Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-RFA-TP13-1302
- Opportunity Category: Discretionary
- Creation Date: June 25, 2013
- Current Closing Date for Applications: July 26, 2013
- Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement
- Estimated Total Program Funding: \$95,000
- Award Ceiling: \$95,000
- Award Floor: n/a

For the full description of the grant, access grants.gov or the direct link at: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=236757>

**I. Centers on the Demography and Economics of Aging (P30):** This Funding Opportunity Announcement solicits Research and Development Center grant applications in the areas of demography and economics of aging, including relevant interdisciplinary areas rooted in population-based social science research

**Eligible Applicants**

- Independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, for profit organizations other than small businesses, small businesses
- Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-AG-14-005
- Opportunity Category: Discretionary
- Posted Date: June 25, 2013
- Current Closing Date: Sept. 26, 2013
- Funding Instrument Type: Grant
- Estimated Total Program Funding: \$6,700,000
- Award Ceiling: n/a
- Award Floor: n/a

To be on the mailing list, you can contact the Office of Grants Management at 664-2237 or email Ivan A. Blanco at [ivan.blanco@gov.mp](mailto:ivan.blanco@gov.mp). (*Office of the Governor*)

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**CNMI Department of Public Safety. For more information call: SAIPAN: 664-9001/2 • TINIAN: 433-9222 • ROTA: 532-9433**

Logos for the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Public Safety and NHTSA are included at the bottom.



# ASCNMI donates \$2,000 to VOICES Summer Camp

The Autism Society of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands recently donated \$2,000 to VOICES (Very Outspoken Individuals Can Each Succeed), a grassroots self-advocacy group for people with disabilities in the CNMI.

The \$2,000 check was presented to VOICES representatives at the June 25 meeting of ASCNMI at the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc. conference room in Gualo Rai.

This effort to create VOICES was initiated by the U.S. Administration on Developmental Disabilities in March 2012 at a Self-Advocacy Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii.

ADD also created the following CNMI programs:

- Protection & Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities, housed under NMPASI;

- Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council; and

- University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities out of the Northern Marianas College.

These three programs collaborated in helping the VOICES group become what it is today.

The \$2,000 from ASCNMI is earmarked to help fund the



From left. Lillian Ada of DDC, Les Ogomoro of UCEDD, Meredith Morales and Efrén Nicholas of VOICES, Ellena Sutton of VOICES and ASCNMI, Romeo Cuellar of ASCNMI, Ray Diaz of DDC, and Julie M. Pagcaliwagan, ASCNMI Treasurer.

## United, GVB tout Guam as premier beach destination for Japanese

**GUAM**—United Airlines, Guam's hometown airline, is ready to welcome key Japanese travel agents to Guam this weekend for the annual Guam Visitors Bureau's "Håfa Adai Guam Study Tour" as an exclusive airline sponsor.

United is proud to continue its sponsorship of the Håfa Adai Guam Study Tour over the past decade and looks forward to

supporting GVB's efforts to host 72 Japanese travel agents from nine cities in Japan, as well as three Japanese travel trade media representatives, to arm them with the most recent information to further promote the island as the perfect resort destination for Japanese travelers.

The Japanese market makes up over 70 percent of Guam's tourist arrivals for fiscal year 2012.

"United is pleased to provide airline tickets to all 75 attendees in support of this event and once again to demonstrate our commitment to Guam and our island's top industry," the airline said in a statement.

In addition to various activities and events around the island, GVB will conduct a workshop seminar for the Håfa Adai Guam Study Tour participants

upcoming Self-Advocacy Summer Camp for all three islands in July 2013.

The following are tentative dates for SASC. The Self-Advocacy Summer Camp for Saipan is on July 12, with an Assistive Technology Workshop at PIC from 9am to 2pm at the Taga Room. On July 13, the sporting activities at PIC will commence with PIC sports coordinators and Clubmates.

For Tinian, the SASC will begin on July 18, with an Assistive Technology workshop from 9am to 2pm at the NMC campus. On July 20, activities at Kammer Beach begin from 8am to 10pm. On July 21, there will be a picnic from 9am to 12pm at Kammer Beach.

For Rota, the SASC will be on July 27 at Teteto Beach Park from 8am to 5pm with sporting activities. July 28 will be an Appreciation Picnic at the same place from 9am to 12pm. On July 29, the Assistive Technology workshop will be held at the Rota High School.

For more information on ASCNMI, VOICES, or the Self-Advocacy Summer Camp and registration, call either NMPASI (Tel: 235-7273/4; TTY: 235-7278; Fax: 235-7275), DDC (664-7000/1) or the UCEDD (234-3690 Ext. 1010 or 1015). If you need accommodations, register as soon as possible. Space is also limited so call as soon as possible. **(PR)**

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**RFP: RFP13-HSEM-135**

**SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 18, 2013      TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
**"REPAIR OF A DPS – FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE"**

COPIES OF THE RFP PACKET MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

**A MANDATORY VEHICLE INSPECTION** IS SCHEDULED FOR **JULY 09, 2013 AT 1:00 P.M.** MARIANAS REPAIRS CO., INC. LOCATED AT MIDDLE ROAD, SAIPAN.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF IT TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ **MARVIN K. SEMAN**  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

/S/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
DIRECTOR, P&S

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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB13-TDOC-138**

**SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 23, 2013 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
**"OFFICE SPACE RENTAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TINIAN BRANCH"**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

**THE BIDDER MUST COMPLY WITH CNMI PUBLIC LAW 15-23, ARTICLE 5 SECTION 8652 (A)-(D).**

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/S/ **RAMON M. DELA CRUZ**  
MAYOR OF TINIAN

/S/ **JOSE P. CRUZ**  
RESIDENT DEPARTMENT HEAD  
TINIAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

/S/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
DIRECTOR, P&S

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CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB13-DPS-139-FOB SAIPAN**

**SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 23, 2013      TIME: 11:00 A.M.**  
**"PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) POLICE MOTORCYCLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY"**

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/S/ **JAMES C. DELEON GUERRERO**  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

/S/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**  
**for the**  
**Saipan International Airport Runway 25 PAPI/REIL Installation**  
**Project No. CPA-SA-001-11**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management services for the Saipan International Airport Runway 25 PAPI/REIL Installation, Project No. CPA-SA-001-11, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

- Overall construction management experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
- Specialized experience and technical competence in the type of work required and previous experience with projects similar in scope;
- Key personnel's professional qualifications, experience and availability for the proposed services; their reputation and professional integrity and competence; and their knowledge of FAA regulations, policies and procedures;
- Quality of projects previously undertaken and capability to complete projects without having major cost escalations or overruns;
- Past performance on contracts including cost control, quality of work and current workload and demonstrated ability to meet schedules and deadlines;
- Firms must have a valid CNMI Business License and the ability to perform the construction management activities in the CNMI.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications for each service offered no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 5, 2013.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to : Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama  
Acting Executive Director  
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/s/ **BENIGNO M. SABLAN**  
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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR  
ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES**  
**ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ROOF LEAK REPAIRS**  
**PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-003-13**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Design Services.

The general scope of work is for A/E design services for repairs of the leaks on the roof of the Rota International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. These services will include an assessment of the roof to determine the cause of the leaking problem and provide plans, specifications and estimates for the anticipated repair work and improvements.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

- Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
- A/E Design experience related to CPA projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and/or CPA;
- Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and airport projects;
- The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for airport projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence; and
- Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

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**SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
INTERIOR PLANT SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE  
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-004-13**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals from interested plant nurseries, suppliers, firms or individuals for the supply, service and maintenance of Interior (indoor) Plants at the Saipan International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing interior plants for a period of two (2) years as detailed in the Scope of Work. The proposal package which includes the scope of work and evaluation factors will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on May 20, 2013. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to the RFP shall take into account any and all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for this project.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **"Proposal for the Saipan International Airport Interior Plant Service and Maintenance.** One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, June 28, 2013**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

All proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: (1) price, (2) ability to supply plants and (3) relevant experience.

Proposer will be required to obtain insurance policies based on CPA's requirements. Copies of the insurance requirements may be obtained with the scope of work at the office of the Executive Director.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request For Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibilities in any act of omission on the part of offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of offeror's preparation of the proposal or supply under the contract. This RFP does not commit CPA to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Offeror will be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws. This RFP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/S/ **JOSE R. LIFOLOI**  
Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: 05/20/13



# Business

## Study says shortage of trained workers looms

By ADRIENNE LU  
STATELINE.ORG

The U.S. is on track to create 55 million new job openings by 2020, but will face a shortage of five million workers with

the education or training to fill these positions, according to a new report by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

"If the U.S. Congress can deal with budgetary challenges,

we are on schedule for recovery," said Anthony P. Carnevale, director of the center, a nonprofit research and policy institute. "But we will still face a major shortage of college-educated workers especially as baby

boomers retire."

The study projects overall employment will grow from 140.6 million in 2010 to 164.6 million in 2020. Of the 55 million projected job openings, the study estimates 24 million will be for

new jobs and 31 million will result from baby boomers retiring.

According to the findings, 65 percent of job vacancies will require some postsecondary education and training, up from 28 percent in 1973. The study projects that the financial services industry will create more than 10 million job vacancies by 2020; wholesale and retail trade will create 7 million jobs, and government and public education 6.7 million.

Four of the five fastest-growing occupations will require high levels of postsecondary education, the study found: health care professional and technical; science, technology, engineering and math; education; and community services.

The study includes a state report, which breaks down growing and declining occupations in each state, as well as the level of education residents will need to get jobs. Among the highlights:

The District of Columbia will have the highest concentration of jobs (76 percent) requiring postsecondary education, followed by Minnesota and Colorado (both 74 percent).

The Northeastern states will

have the highest proportion of jobs requiring bachelor's degrees and graduate degrees.

The Southern states will have the highest concentration of jobs for high school graduates or dropouts.

Eleven percent of jobs nationwide will require a master's degree or higher level of education. In the District of Columbia, 29 percent of jobs will require at least a master's degree, followed by Massachusetts with 19 percent and Maryland and Connecticut at 16 percent.

Based on the current levels of educational attainment, all but three states (New Hampshire, Utah and Wisconsin) are projected to have a shortage of workers with the required level of education.

Jon Fansmith, associate director for government relations at the American Council on Education, which represents presidents of U.S. colleges and universities, said the report reinforces a continuation of the long-term trends the council has been seeing over the past few decades: Increasingly more jobs now require specialized skills, training and advanced education.



United Airlines employees show off their newly designed uniforms.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**CHICAGO**—Tens of thousands of United Airlines employees worldwide—including flight attendants, customer service agents, technical operations and ramp workers—began wearing newly designed uniforms Tuesday, the first time members of these work groups will wear similarly styled uniforms. More than 64,000 United employees debuted the garments, which feature accents of blue, gold, silver and gray.

"The new uniforms project a contemporary, sophisticated look that reflects the modern airline we're building," said Jeff Foland, United's executive vice president—marketing, technology and strategy. "With significant feedback from our uniformed co-workers, we've designed pieces that are professional, stylish, and functional."

United pilots will begin wearing newly designed uniforms later this year in the traditional midnight blue color with gold stripes and accents. Other uniform design concepts include:

■ **Flight attendants:** The uniform includes a core wardrobe of black trousers, skirts, sweaters, vests, and blazers with two rows of silver braid on the sleeves. Female flight attendants will also wear sweaters, vests, short sleeve jackets and two styles of dresses, including a signature blue dress with a black stripe detail. Outerwear for male and female flight attendants includes a black all-

season coat and an optional gray doublebreasted wool coat.

■ **Customer service agents:** The uniform includes a wardrobe of black blazers, trousers, sweaters, vests and skirts. Agents will also wear colored shirts and distinctive neckwear that vary depending on their job responsibilities.

■ **Ramp, cargo and technical operations:** The uniform offers flexibility, comfort and durability for year round comfort. Employees will wear work shirts, polo shirts and T-shirts made with breathable and flexible fabric. The pants, shorts and coveralls for both men and women feature a soft, brushed

fabric. Outerwear for ramp, cargo and technical operations workers includes a three-piece system consisting of a zip-up fleece-lined vest, jacket and waterproof outer shell. The uniform also includes waterproof wind pants, hooded sweatshirts, baseball caps and knit caps. (*United*)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference room.

#### AGENDA

- I. Preliminary
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Adoption of Agenda
  - d. Adoption of Minutes
    - i. Special Meeting of 5-3-13
    - ii. Special Meeting of 10-16-2012
- II. Public Comments<sup>1</sup>
- III. Reports
  - a. Chair's Report
  - b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - a. Revised hearing date in re: Commission Action No. 13-001-05212013
- V. New Business
  - a. Administrative Matter 10-002 re: License NGP 08-01
  - b. TCGCC bylaws review
  - c. Adoption of Regulations re Application Fee
  - d. Comments to Senate Bill No. 18-06
  - e. Retirement contribution
  - f. TDHC Casino Employee Applications
    - i. Provisional License No. C12-062
    - ii. Provisional License No. C13-045
    - iii. New Applications
- VI. Executive Session<sup>2</sup>
- VII. Miscellaneous / Administrative Matters
- VIII. Adjournment

<sup>1</sup> Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.  
<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Guardianship of

TONNYA LYNN S. MAGOFNA,  
a minor child.

FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0288

#### NOTICE OF HEARING: PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR CHILD (PROBATE RULE 26)

Hearing Date: July 11, 2013, 10:30 a.m.

Hearing Place: Courtroom 205A,

Superior Court  
Judge: Kenneth L. Govendo,  
Associate Judge

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the petition of DAVID JOHN ROMALDO MAFNAS APATANG and CHASMYN TONI SANTOS APATANG, for appointment as general guardians of the minor child TONNYA LYNN SANTOS MAGOFNA, will come before the Court for hearing on July 11, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at Courtroom 205A, Second Floor, Guma Hustisia, Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan.

DATED this 24th day of June, 2013.

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

By:  
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC., ) CIVIL ACTION  
Plaintiff, ) NO.: 12-0265  
v. ) NOTICE OF  
ANTONIO GUSMAN ADRIANO and ) FORECLOSURE  
MARGARITA FLORES CAMACHO aka ) SALE  
MARGARITA C. ADRIANO, )  
Defendants. )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on February 21, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and interests of Defendants in and to the following real property:

Lot No. 001 T 54, containing an area of 1,723 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 T 00.

1. **Date, Time and Place of Sale.** The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendant), and will be held on **Friday, July 26, 2013, at the hour of 11:15 a.m. at the entrance to the Tinian Superior Court, Tinian, CNMI.** Registration for the auction sale will begin at 11:00 a.m.

2. **Change of Terms and Conditions.** The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 7th day of June, 2013.

/s/ MICHELINE W. BRELL, Auctioneer  
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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB13-DLNR/DFW-141**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 23, 2013 • TIME: 1:00 P.M.

**"FABRICATION OF EIGHT (8) FISH AGGREGATING  
DEVICE (FAD) BUOYS FOR THE DEPARTMENT  
OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION  
OF FISH & WILDLIFE"**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ARNOLD I. PALACIOS  
SECRETARY OF DLNR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**2013-CDA-02-RFP**

Submission Date: **July 8, 2013**  
Time: **10:00 a.m.**

**"SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF COMPUTERS FOR CDA"**

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ MANUEL A. SABLAN  
Executive Director

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director P&S

**Procurement And Supply  
CNMI Government**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**2013-CDA-01-ITB**

Submission & Opening Date: **July 8, 2013** Time: **10:00 a.m.**

**"SUPPLY OF APPLE IPADS MD512LL/A,  
BLUETOOTH KEYBOARDS and CASES FOR CDA"**

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/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN  
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, P&S



# Nation

## For nationwide gay marriage, more battles ahead

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Even as they celebrate a momentous legal victory, supporters of gay marriage already are anticipating a return trip to the Supreme Court in a few years, sensing that no other option but a broader court ruling will legalize same-sex unions in all 50 states.

In the meantime, as one gay-rights leader said, there will be “two Americas”—and a host of legal complications for many gay couples moving between them.

Wednesday’s twin rulings from the high court will extend federal recognition to same-sex marriages in the states where they are legal, and will add California—the most populous state—to the 12 others in that category. That will mean about 30 percent of Americans live in states recognizing



A gay rights activist runs out of the Supreme Court in Washington, Wednesday, June 26, 2013, as rulings were handed down that impact same-sex relationships. AP

## NY 84-year-old honored by court ruling in her name

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Edie Windsor cried with joy Wednesday when she learned that the Supreme Court used her lawsuit to strike down a federal provision that defined marriage as only between a man and a woman, and the spunky former IBM executive who recently turned 84 was all smiles two hours later when she faced a packed news conference.

“Wow. I’m honored. I’m humbled. I’m overjoyed to be here today,” said Windsor, a Manhattan resident whose given name is Edith, her words sometimes barely audible above the loud snaps of cameras.

The court issued a decision Wednesday striking down the

provision, which denied federal benefits to married gay couples. The ruling, seen as a historic victory for gay rights, came in the justices’ review of the Windsor’s case. She sued to challenge a \$363,000 federal estate tax bill after her partner of 44 years died in 2009.

Windsor said she hoped that the decision would bring about “the beginning of the end of stigma, of lying about who we are.”

Windsor recalled that she “lied all the time” about who she truly was during the 15 years she worked at IBM. In thinking back on those years a half-century ago, she said, “Some of it is almost incredible to me.”

same-sex marriage.

But the court’s rulings have no direct effect on the constitutional amendments in 29 states that limit marriage to heterosexual couples. In a handful of politically moderate states such as Oregon, Nevada and Colorado those amendments could be overturned by ballot measures, but that’s considered highly unlikely in more conservative states.

“It would be inefficient to try to pick off 30 constitutional amendments one by one,” said Fred

Sainz of the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay-rights group. “Eventually this will have to be settled by the Supreme Court.”

The Human Rights Campaign’s president, Chad Griffin, told supporters outside the Supreme Court building that the goal would be to legalize same-sex marriage nationwide within five years.

To sway the justices in such a time frame, activists plan a multipronged strategy. In addition to possible ballot measures in a few states, they hope lawmakers

will legalize same-sex marriage in states which now offer civil unions to gay couples, notably New Jersey, Illinois and Hawaii.

There also will be advocacy efforts in more conservative states, ranging from expansion of anti-discrimination laws to possible litigation on behalf of sex-couples there who are denied state recognition even though they married legally in some other jurisdiction.

The Supreme Court’s decisions “underscore the emergence of two Americas,” Griffin said.



### Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950



### Chief Financial Officer

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) is seeking the services of a Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The CFO reports to the Chief Executive Officer and has direct responsibility for receipt of all revenues and payment of funds in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. The CFO shall have at least a master in business administration degree and five years of experience in healthcare finances. The Commonwealth is proposing a two-year contract with a salary range of \$100,000 - \$150,000.

The CHCC is located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), a United States Insular Area comprised of a group of fourteen islands in Micronesia. The CNMI population (approximately 45,000) is located on the three islands of Saipan (40,000); Tinian (2,500); and Rota (2,500).

CHCC is a newly established entity that was created by the Commonwealth Legislature to provide healthcare services in the Northern Mariana Islands. The Commonwealth Healthcare System consists of public health and behavioral services as well as an 86-bed Medicare-certified acute care hospital on the island of Saipan and clinics on both the islands of Tinian and Rota. In FY 2013, the total operating budget of the CHCC is \$31.5M. CHCC is also responsible for public health and behavioral health programs with an operating budget of about \$10M. Additional information on CHCC operations can be obtained at the website [chcc.tipg.net](http://chcc.tipg.net)

The CHCC is facing significant financial and operational challenges due to its newly established structure, low-income client base, and challenges of providing medical services that comply with United States healthcare standards in a remote isolated area.

Applicants must submit a CHCC employment application in addition to the provision of a resume. Employment applications can be obtained by contacting Ms. Myrna F. Boyer at [myrnaf.boyer@gmail.com](mailto:myrnaf.boyer@gmail.com). Applications will be considered on an on-going basis and should be submitted to:

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation  
Human Resources Department  
Attn. Ms. Myrna F. Boyer  
P.O. Box 500409 CK  
Saipan, MP 96950



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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public that the CNMI Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program 2014 State Plan is now available for review and public comment from July 01, 2013 to July 10, 2013. Interested member of the general public may review the 2014 State Plan at the WIC Program’s Administrative Office located in Navy Hill, Saipan, Building No. N-25. Our office hours are from 07:30am to 04:30pm (Monday – Friday). All public comments must be submitted in writing to the WIC Program Administrator at the same office no later than July 12, 2013.

/s/ Esther L. Muna  
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Carmen C. Cabrera  
Program Administrator



# World

## Activists say death toll in Syria now tops 100,000

**BEIRUT (AP)**—The civil war in Syria has now killed more than 100,000 people, a grim new estimate Wednesday that comes at a time when the conflict is spreading beyond its borders and hopes are fading for a settlement to end the bloodshed.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which has been tracking the death toll through a network of activists in the country, said most of the 100,191 killed in the last 27 months were combatants.

The regime losses were estimated at nearly 43,000, including pro-government militias and 169 fighters from the Lebanese Shiite Hezbollah group—a recent entrant in the conflict.

The Observatory said 36,661 of the dead are civilians. Recorded deaths among the rebels fighting to topple President Bashar Assad reached more than 18,000, including 2,518 foreign fighters.

Observatory director Rami Abdul-Rahman said he suspected

that the toll actually was higher, since neither side has been totally forthcoming about its losses.

The United Nations recently estimated that 93,000 people were killed between March 2011, when the crisis started, and the end of April 2013, concurring with Abdul-Rahman that the actual toll is likely much higher.

The Syrian government has not given a death toll. State media published the names of the government's dead in the first months of the crisis, but then

stopped publishing its losses after the opposition became an armed insurgency.

Abdul-Rahman said that the group's tally of military deaths is based on information from medical sources, records obtained by the group from state

agencies and activists' own count of funerals in government-held areas of the country. Other sources are the activist videos showing soldiers who were killed in rebel areas and later identified.

The new estimate comes at a

time when hopes for peace talks are fading. The U.N.'s special envoy to Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, said Tuesday an international conference proposed by Russia and the U.S. will not take place until later in the summer, partly because of opposition disarray.

## Snowden mystery deepens: All eyes on airport

**MOSCOW (AP)**—Moscow's main airport swarmed with journalists from around the globe Wednesday, but the man they were looking for, National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden, was nowhere to be seen.

The mystery of his whereabouts only deepened a day after President Vladimir Putin said that Snowden was in the transit area of Sheremetyevo Airport.

There were ordinary scenes of duty free shopping, snoozing travelers and tourists sipping coffee but no trace of

America's most famous fugitive. If Putin's statement is true, it means that Snowden has effectively lived a life of airport limbo since his weekend flight from Hong Kong, especially with his American passport now revoked by U.S. authorities.

Adding to the uncertainty, Ecuador's foreign minister said it could take up to two months to decide whether to grant asylum to Snowden and the Latin American nation would take into consideration its relations with the U.S. Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino

compared Snowden's case to that of Julian Assange, the founder of anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks, who has been given asylum in the Ecuadorean Embassy in London.

"It took us two months to make a decision in the case of Assange, so do not expect us to make a decision sooner this time," Patino told reporters during a visit to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. However, later in the day he said on Twitter that the decision could happen "in a day, a week, or, as happened with Assange, it could take two months."

## Amnesty appeals to Filipino captors of 2 sisters

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Amnesty International and the family of two Filipino-Algerian sisters called for suspected Islamic militants to release the women immediately, saying Thursday that they are human rights defenders and filmmakers who focused on the plight of impoverished Muslims in the southern Philippines.

Nadjoua and Linda Bansil were taken by about 10 suspected Abu Sayyaf militants Saturday in southern Sulu province's Patikul town while working on a short film about Muslim coffee farmers. At least three companions of the sisters, who were seized from a van, were left behind by the gunmen, police said.

Their brother, Mohammed Bansil, noted that his sisters

were seized while tackling the very issues at the root of the decades-old minority Muslim unrest in the country's south.

"Instead of filming, they now have become the story," he told The Associated Press.

Ritz Lee Santos, who heads Amnesty International Philippines, said that the sisters have been longtime human rights volunteers.

"It's sad that they were taken because they went to Sulu to tell the whole country about the struggles of poor Muslims," he said.

Linda Bansil, 37, wrote for Amnesty International publications in the Philippines and her 39-year-old sister volunteered work on films about the travels and culture of Filipino tribes-

men. They also worked together to produce low-budget, independent films showcasing Filipino Muslim life and culture, their family said.

"Even on the streets, they'll pick up homeless children or intervene when somebody's being abused," Mohammed Bansil said.

Marine Col. Jose Cenabre said that the gunmen belong to the Abu Sayyaf, a group notorious for ransom kidnappings, beheadings and other atrocities. Police said they were still checking if the abductors were from an allied group of young Muslim militants behind several kidnappings.

The al-Qaida-linked group also is holding a Jordanian journalist and two Europeans.



This Thursday, April 25, 2013, file photo citizen journalism image provided by Aleppo Media Center that has been authenticated shows members of the free Syrian Army preparing their weapons, in the neighborhood of al-Amerieh in Aleppo, Syria.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### SAfrica president cancels trip amid Mandela worry

**JOHANNESBURG (AP)**—South Africa's president visited a gravely ill Nelson Mandela in the hospital on Wednesday night, and canceled a visit planned for the next day to Mozambique, an indication of heightened concern over the deteriorating health of the man widely considered the father of the country. President Jacob Zuma found 94-year-old Mandela to still be in critical condition during the 10 p.m. visit and was briefed by doctors "who are still doing ev-

everything they can to ensure his well-being," Zuma's office said in a statement. It said the president decided to cancel a visit to Maputo, the Mozambican capital, on Thursday, where he was to attend a meeting on regional investment.

#### Violence kills 27 in minority region of west China

**BEIJING (AP)**—Assailants attacked police and other people with knives and set fire to police cars in China's restive far-western region on Wednesday in violence that killed 27 people, one of the bloodiest

incidents since unrest in the regional capital killed nearly 200 in 2009. The early-morning violence—described by state media as riots—also left at least three people injured in a remote area of the Turkic-speaking Xinjiang region, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Police stations, a government building and a construction site were targeted in the attacks, it said. Xinhua said the attackers stabbed victims and set fires, killing 17 people including nine police or security officials, before officers shot and killed 10 of the assailants in Lukqun, a township in Turpan prefecture.

## FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

*In Loving Memory*  
**MIGUEL SABLAN DEMAPAN**

As we commemorate the first death anniversary of our beloved Miguel, we would like to invite our families and friends to join us for the daily mass of intention. Mass will begin on Saturday, June 22, 2013 and end on Sunday, June 30, 2013 at Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa at 6:00 in the morning.

We would be forever honored and grateful for your presence.  
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Si Yu'us Maase  
Frances Tenorio Demapan  
and Children



# Off The Wall



Thelma and Louise, a two-headed Texas cooter turtle, is seen in an undated photo provided by the San Antonio Zoo.

## Two-headed turtle hatches at San Antonio zoo

**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—A two-headed turtle has hatched at the San Antonio Zoo and officials have named her Thelma and Louise.

The female Texas cooter arrived June 18 and will go on display Thursday at the zoo's Friedrich Aquarium.

Zoo spokeswoman Debbie Rios-Vanskike (van SKYKE) said Wednesday that the two-headed turtle appears healthy and is able to swim and walk. She says experts at the zoo don't foresee any health issues for Thelma and Louise, named for the female duo in the 1991 Oscar-

winning road movie of the same name.

The San Antonio Zoo is no stranger to two-headed reptiles. The facility was home to a two-headed Texas rat snake named Janus from 1978 until the creature's death to 1995.

## Couple lets coffee drinkers choose their baby's name

**WEST HAVEN, Conn.** (AP)—A Connecticut couple has named its baby with help from customers at a Starbucks coffee shop.

Twenty-five-year-old Jennifer James and 24-year-old Mark Dixon of West Haven told the *New Haven Register* they had been struggling between two names for the boy they are expecting in September, so they decided to put it to a vote.

They placed signs at the Starbucks on the New Haven Green, where they are regulars, asking people to vote for either the name Jackson or Logan.

The couple said it got the idea for the voting based on a system used by that Starbucks location, where customers cast votes for the store's employee of the month.

"We saw that and thought we

might as well see how it works," Dixon said.

They received about 1,800 votes in the coffee cup serving as a ballot box. The couple said voters did not limit themselves to the two choices they were given.

"We've gotten Obama, Jebediah, Lincoln. Someone put (a) write-in, Webster," James said.

James said that when she realized Dixon would sound similar to Jackson, she began pulling for the name Logan.

"I don't know why I didn't realize the 'Jackson Dixon' thing, but I think once I realized that, he was going to be Logan no matter what," she said.

The name Logan also was favored by the customers, but ultimately both names won.

The couple said it will name the baby Logan Jackson Dixon.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In memory of his new life

LUIS PALACIOS CRISOSTOMO (Jun)

"Senator Crisostimo"

Familian 'Angando'

November 26, 1960 - June 15, 2013

From Dan Dan, was called home by our Heavenly Father at the age of 52

In his new life, he now joins his father †Luis Cepeda Crisostomo (Luis - Angando), his sister †Marina Palacios Crisostomo, and father-in-law †Jose Camacho Sablan.

Survived by:

Mother: Maria Palacios Crisostomo (Marikitan-Luis)

Wife: Maria Sablan Crisostomo

Children: Monica S. Crisostomo & Christian Lloyd Dlg. Camacho (Kassidy)

Luis Sablan Crisostomo, Jr.

Dwight S. Crisostomo & Tiffany T. Sablan (Dwight II)

Reared Children: Maggie Untalan

Lani Diaz

Gerald Crisostomo

Melvin Crisostomo

Brothers, Sisters, & In-Laws: Diana P. Crisostomo & Family

Juanita C. & Ernest Torres & Family

Ramon P. & Carmen Crisostimo & Family

Joseph William P. & Rosie Crisostomo & Family

Jerry John P. & Maggie Crisostomo & Family

Antonia K. Sablan (Mother-In-Law)

Ben & Bernie Ada & Family

Anthony P. & Trinnie S. Muna & Family

Thomas K. & Thelma Sablan & Family

Carlos K. Sablan & Children

Roman A. & Remy Reyes & Family

John K. & Doreen Sablan & Family

Raymond K. Sablan & Melva Duenas & Family

Joseph K. Sablan (Kristen)

God parents: Maximo Tudela Arriola (†Luisa) & Gonzalo Dlg. Pangelinan

He will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, god-children, and friends.

Mass of Intentions are being offered nightly at 6pm followed by the rosary at San Vicente Church. Legislative Memorial Tribute will be on Friday June 28th at 10am at the Honorable Jesus P. Mañas Memorial Building in Capitoll Hill. Last respects will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2013 from 7:30am to 10:45am at Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Mass for Christian burial will be offered at 11am at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan. Interment Services will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where we will bid him farewell and a peaceful rest.

Dangkulo na Si' Yu'us Ma'ase, Oloomwaay, and Thank You

Maria S. Crisostomo, Children and Family

Maria P. Crisostomo, Children and Family

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

What floats these boats? Concrete

HOMER, III. (AP)—Does concrete float? For the hundreds of civil engineering students at the annual National Concrete Canoe Competition, the answer is "yes." Teams representing 23 schools vied last week to design, build and race canoes made of concrete. Some vessels were as long as 22 feet and weighed as much as 180 pounds. A wooden canoe of the same size weighs about 40 pounds. Alicia Welling, manager of the California Polytechnic State University team, says the trick to making concrete float is to mix it with glass bubbles and other lightweight objects. Welling says the three-day American Society of Civil Engineers event gives students practical experience in finding creative engineering solutions and working as part of a team. L'École de Technologie Supérieure, of Montreal, took the title Saturday.

Monkey nips at Texas officer during traffic stop

ARANSAS PASS, Texas (AP)—A South Texas police officer had to deal with some unexpected monkey business as he wrote a speeding ticket. A pet monkey bit Aransas Pass Officer Keith Moore on the hand in an attack captured on videotape. KRIS-TV in Corpus

19 take part in Tube to Work Day on Boulder Creek

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)—A day before Colorado marks Bike to Work Day, some commuters in Boulder got their feet wet heading to work by inner tube. The Daily Camera reports 19 people went tubing down Boulder Creek for Tube to Work Day on Tuesday. Many had on business clothes. There were eight participants last year. The idea got started with two guys tubing down the creek in suits in 2008. This year, the city of Boulder set up a breakfast station for participants. Bike to Work Day organizers in the Denver area also are setting up stations Wednesday where commuters who give up their cars for a day to cycle to work can grab a free breakfast.



# Science & Technology

## Wi-Fi is about to get faster, more reliable

By PARESH DAVE  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

YouTube videos stopping and starting? Spreadsheets taking an eternity to upload? Connections suddenly dropping?

Many of those Wi-Fi woes could soon come to an end.

An industry group last week began certifying products capable of running on a faster and more reliable wireless network technology. It marked the unofficial beginning of the next generation of Wi-Fi.

Contrary to popular belief, many of the connection problems that home users encounter are often not related to their broadband service but rather to the Wi-Fi routers.

The new technology—802.11ac—has the potential to be up to four times as fast as the current standard 802.11n technology. Smartphones, computers and routers with the new technology are already hitting store shelves, though industry experts don't expect average consumers to start picking up the devices until the holiday shopping season or early next year.

The technical improvements bring Wi-Fi up to par with the sweeping changes in the home entertainment industry. The number of Wi-Fi-connected devices in U.S. households has doubled during the past five years, according to Wakefield Research.

Smartphones, tablets and even appliances such as refrigerators and washing machines now compete with televisions, gaming consoles and laptops for a share of a finite network

bandwidth. Increasingly, many of those devices are also displaying hours of video a day, putting incredible demand on the network.

The fifth generation of Wi-Fi tackles those problems by increasing speed limits and moving to a new highway, from the congested lanes of the 2.4-gigahertz frequency band to a more open 5-gigahertz spectrum.

The changes should mean that routers will be able to accommodate more devices at one time and provide better coverage throughout a home or office space. In apartments or areas crowded with other electronics, the new "highway" offers the promise of less interference, meaning connections shouldn't randomly drop, particularly if the consumer is using a 2.4-gigahertz cordless phone.

"We expect that the users will see a significant increase in the performance of their applications," said Greg Ennis, technical director of the Wi-Fi Alliance.

The trade association owns the Wi-Fi trademark, and it must say that a product works correctly with other Wi-Fi certified products before a device can carry the official Wi-Fi seal. Ennis said the start of the alliance's certification process would unleash a flood of products onto the market capable of running 802.11ac.

But the improvements won't come cheap, at least initially. Some uncertified routers that support the new technology are already available. Most of the 802.11ac routers cost more than \$150, compared with \$50 for an older device.

## SKorea mobile network being touted as 'the world's fastest'

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—South Korea's largest mobile operator is this week launching what it says is the world's fastest wireless network.

SK Telecom Co. said Wednesday that the LTE-Advanced network can download data at speeds twice as fast as LTE networks and 10 times faster than third generation services.

With a transfer rate of 150 megabits per seconds, the network can download an 800 megabyte movie in just 43 seconds.

The service will be initially available in Seoul and its suburbs.

South Korea has witnessed rapid growth of the fourth-generation LTE, or Long Term Evolution, service as the country's mobile phone users are quick to

adopt faster wireless technologies. More than 60 percent of South Korea's 33 million smartphone users have subscribed to the LTE service.

GSA, an association of network suppliers, projects that LTE networks will be available in 87 countries by the end of 2013.

With the launch of the new mobile technology, SK Telecom has begun selling the Galaxy S4 LTE-A smartphone made by Samsung Electronics Co. that can run on the fastest network.

The LTE-Advanced technology, however, has room for improvement. While it boasts the fastest download speed, its upload speed is same as LTE networks at 37.5 mbps.

## Elphidia Deleon Guerrero Camacho Sablan,

lovingly known as Peding  
born on May 10, 1948 was called to her new life on June 19, 2013

### In Her New Life she now joins her:

#### Parents:

Albert "Bobbing" Sablan Camacho  
Primitiva "Bibang" Acosta Deleon  
Guerrero Camacho

#### Father-in-Law:

Vicente Santos Sablan (TUDEGUA)

#### Maternal Grandparents:

Joaquin Diaz Deleon Guerrero  
Josefa Acosta Deleon Guerrero

#### Paternal Grandparents:

Luis Taimanao Camacho  
Ramona Reyes Sablan Camacho  
Vertilia Elena "Bilang" Camacho  
Leon Guerrero

#### Sister:

### Her Loving Memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

#### HUSBAND:

Tito Muna Sablan

#### MOTHER:

Rosario Arriola Camacho

#### MOTHER IN LAW:

Maria Muna Sablan (TUDEGUA)

#### CHILDREN:

Pamela C. Sablan and Jesse C. Chong  
(Vincent Jesse "Beng")  
Mary Katherine "Kit" and Jude  
Dickinson (Tito Jonathan "TJ" (Tyler),  
Kiana Maria, Jude "JJ")  
Gina Marie and Jesse D.  
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Diego DLG. and Carmen B. Camacho  
and Children  
Brenda DLG Camacho  
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Vicente M. and Zita Sablan and Children  
Magdalena and †Henry Hofschneider and Children  
†Vicente and †Rita A. Manglona and Children  
†Jose and Emilia B. Manglona and Children  
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Joaquin and Delfina C. Manglona and Children  
Thomas and Laura Manglona and Children

Nightly Mass is offered at San Antonio Church at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Rosary.

On Wednesday, July 3rd, 2013, our dearly beloved will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:30 a.m. Responso, Holy Rosary and public viewing will follow.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Interment Service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be laid to rest.

Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and God Bless  
From Tito M. Sablan, Children and Family



# Life & Style

## Paula Deen dropped by Wal-Mart after 'Today' tears

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Paula Deen was dropped by Wal-Mart and her name was stripped from four buffet restaurants on Wednesday, hours after she went on television and tearfully defended herself amid the mounting fallout over her admission of using a racial slur.

The story has become both a day-by-day struggle by a successful businesswoman to keep her career afloat and an object lesson on the level of tolerance and forgiveness in society for being caught making an insensitive remark.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Wednesday that it ended its relationship with Deen and will not place "any new orders beyond what's already committed."

Caesars Entertainment Corp. said it had been "mutually decided" with Deen to remove her name from its restaurants in Joliet, Ill.; Tunica, Miss.; Cherokee, N.C.; and Elizabeth, Ind.

At the same time, Deen's representatives released letters of support from nine companies that do business with the



In this publicity image released by NBC, celebrity chef Paula Deen appears on NBC News' "Today" show, Wednesday, June 26, 2013 in New York.

chef and promised to continue. There's evidence that a backlash is growing against the Food Network, which tersely announced last Friday that it was cutting ties with one of its stars.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said

Deen had called him and he agreed to help her, saying she shouldn't become a sacrificial lamb over the issue of racial intolerance.

"What she did was wrong, but she can change," Jackson said.

During a deposition in a discrimination lawsuit filed by an ex-employee, the chef, who specializes in Southern comfort food, admitted to using the N-word in the past. The lawsuit also accuses Deen

of using the slur when planning her brother's 2007 wedding, saying she wanted black servers in white coats, shorts and bow ties for a "Southern plantation-style wedding."

Deen said she didn't recall using the word "plantation" and denied using the N-word to describe waiters. She said she quickly dismissed the idea of having all black servers.

## Stars react to Supreme Court gay-marriage rulings

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Hollywood has long been a vocal supporter of marriage equality, with some stars—including Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie—saying they'd hold off on tying the knot until the right to wed was extended to all Americans.

With Wednesday's Supreme Court rulings striking down the federal Defense of Marriage Act and clearing the way for same-sex marriages to resume in California, stars went online to share their elation:

■ "Big news from the Supreme Court. Goodbye (hash) DOMA (hash) Prop8. Hello (hash) equality."—Ben Affleck.

■ "Historic day. Well done (hash) SCOTUS."—Leonardo DiCaprio.

■ "I look forward to exercising my American civil liberties... and getting fully, completely and legally married this year to my true love of over three years, Linda Wallem."—Melissa Etheridge in announcing her engagement.

■ "It's a supremely wonderful day for equality. Prop 8 is over, and so is DOMA. Congratulations everyone. And I mean everyone."—Ellen DeGeneres.

■ "(hash) Prop8 is no more. Marriage equality & the freedom so many sought is here. At the end of the day we are ALL people who deserve equality!"—Marlee Matlin.

■ "(at)daxshepard1 will you marry me? Xo (hash)marria-

geequality (hash)loveislove"—Kristen Bell to her fiancé, Dax Shepard. The couple previously said they'd wait to wed until it was legal for everyone.

■ "After many prayers and tears, A historic day for Justice and Equality for ALL. Goodbye (hash) DOMA Goodbye (hash) Prop8 Hello Love."—Pauley Perrette.

■ "We stand tall today.(hash) DomaStruckDown So many fought for so long. Be proud, the prejudice are now the minority."—Lady Gaga.

■ "Remember the old days when (hash) DOMA was around and gay people couldn't get married in California? Crazy right!?"—Jesse Tyler Ferguson of "Modern Family."

■ "I am standing on the right side of history. I stand with (at)HRC for marriage equality. (hash) SCOTUS (hash) time-4marriage"—Alicia Keys, who included a link to the Human Rights Campaign's website.

■ "Awesome, awesome day to be an American. Yay, marriage equality!!!! Knew it was coming. Glad it was today. Congrats, Us!"—Martha Plimpton.

■ "Today my heart soars, and my faith in the promise of our great nation is renewed. Now, if there's anything we gays know how to do well, it is to celebrate! Let the joy of this day ring out with PRIDE."—George Takei, on Facebook.

## Jackson's son says father feared concert promoter

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Michael Jackson's eldest son testified Wednesday that his father was excited about going back on tour before his death but wasn't happy about the pressure that came with the ill-fated shows.

Michael Joseph "Prince" Jackson Jr. told jurors his father wanted more time to rehearse and had several tense phone conversations with promoters of his "This Is It" shows that sometimes ended with his father

in tears.

The 16-year-old said his father remarked after one of the conversations, "They're going to kill me." He did not elaborate.

The testimony came in a lawsuit claiming AEG negligently hired Conrad Murray, the doctor who was later convicted of involuntary manslaughter for giving Jackson an overdose of the anesthetic propofol.

AEG denies it hired the physician or bears any responsibility for the entertainer's death.

Wearing a black suit with a dark grey tie and his long brown hair tucked behind his ears, Prince testified that he saw AEG Live CEO Randy Phillips at the family's rented mansion in a

heated conversation with Murray in the days before his father died. The teenager said Phillips grabbed Murray's elbow.

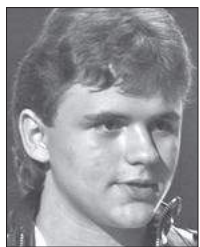
Phillips "looked aggressive to me," Prince testified.

Michael Jackson wasn't at home at the time and was probably rehearsing, Prince said.

Murray's attorney Valerie Wass and AEG defense attorney Marvin S. Putnam later denied outside court that the meeting Prince described ever happened.

Putnam said Prince would be recalled to the witness stand during the defense case later in the trial.

"I think as the testimony will show when he is called in our



Jackson

## Neil Diamond records charity song for Boston

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)**—Neil Diamond visited Boston in the days following the marathon bombings and left convinced he should do something to help.

"I was moved by the unity and the attitude of the people in Boston," Diamond said. "And that's really all a songwriter needs, is to be inspired. It doesn't happen very often but when it does you have to follow that muse and I did."

The result is "Freedom Song (They'll Never Take Us Down)," a new patriotically themed song Diamond will release through iTunes and Amazon on July 2. All proceeds from the song will go to benefit the Boston One Fund and the

Wounded Warriors Project.

Diamond watched coverage of the April 15 bombings unfold from afar, then visited the city the following Saturday. The Red Sox, the city's Major League Baseball franchise, adopted the 72-year-old singer's hit "Sweet Caroline" as an eighth-inning anthem some time ago and had invited him to perform it live.

The city was still reeling from the Boston Marathon bombings that killed three and injured more than 250 just five days earlier and the ensuing manhunt, but its residents responded to the attacks defiantly.

Diamond returned home and began work on "Freedom

defense that's not what happened," Putnam said. "He was a 12-year-old boy who has had to endure this great tragedy."

For the first time, the teenager publicly provided details about the day his father died. Prince testified that he saw Murray performing CPR on his father, who was hanging halfway off a bed. It appeared his dad's eyes were rolled up in the back of his head, Prince told jurors.

Prince's eyes appeared red as he recalled being told by Murray at a hospital that his father was dead.

Prince said he never saw Murray's treatments of his father.

"I was 12. To my understanding he was supposed to make sure my dad stayed healthy," Prince testified.

Song." He said in a phone interview it took about six weeks to write and record.

He will perform the song live for the first time July 4 in Washington, D.C., at a Washington Nationals-Milwaukee Brewers baseball game and during PBS' "A Capitol Fourth," broadcast from the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

"I didn't know exactly what would happen with this song, but I did know I had to write it," Diamond said. "So I set out on that creative journey of writing something that would lift people up, lift their spirits in the way that mine was lifted when I flew to Boston to sing at the Red Sox game."



Charlotte Brooks, left, kisses her partner Charlotte D'Ooge, development director for the American Civil Liberties Union, during a celebration rally in Jackson Square in New Orleans, after two Supreme Court decisions supporting gay rights were handed down, Wednesday, June 26, 2013.

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# Paparazzo sues Justin Bieber for alleged assault

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Justin Bieber has been sued by a paparazzo who claims the singer kicked and punched him last year at a Southern California shopping center.



In this March 28, 2013 file photo, singer Justin Bieber performs on stage during the "I Believe" tour in Munich, southern Germany. AP

A lawsuit filed Wednesday alleges the "Baby" crooner attacked Jose Osmin Hernandez Duran after Bieber and his then-girlfriend went to the movies at The Commons in Calabasas.

Bieber's representatives did not respond to a request for comment.

Duran claims Bieber started to leave the shopping center in his Mercedes, but got out of his car and sprinted toward him.

Duran says Bieber jumped into the air from 6 to 8 feet away to deliver a martial-arts-type kick to the photographer's gut before punching him in the face.

The suit seeks unspecified damages for "severe and extreme emotional distress" and negligence.

## In Romania, Ethan Hawke promotes movie, education

**BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)**—Actor Ethan Hawke says it's crucial that all children get an education from an early age, pointing to his own daughter's struggles with dyslexia.

Hawke spoke Wednesday in Romania, where he is promoting his recent film "Before Midnight."

His mother, Leslie Hawke, has worked with some of Romania's most impoverished young children. She has been raising awareness and educational funds for Romanian children since arriving here as a Peace Corps volunteer in 2000.

The Hollywood star told reporters that he is "affected by children whether it is in New York or Romania." He says his "eldest daughter is dyslexic ... if she were from a poor family everyone would assume she was stupid."

"Before Midnight" premiered in May and is the third in the series, following 1995's "Before Sunrise" and 2004's "Before Sunset." Hawke plays Jesse, who is married to Frenchwoman Celine.

## Divorced dad's poor hygiene causes a stink for his ex-wife

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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*Dear Abby*

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been divorced for almost 15 years. In that time, my ex-husband has been self-employed and works out of his home. He rarely leaves his house, and I think he suffers from depression.

At a school honors event for our daughter for which most of the attendees dressed for the occasion, he arrived in dirty shorts and a T-shirt. I sat next to him to be polite, until I realized he also smelled awful. When I tried to excuse myself saying I needed a "better seat for my camera," he got up, too! It was an unpleasant two hours. I felt bad for the others in our vicinity.

I have tried to suggest that he may suffer from depression in the past, but he denies it. Is there anything I can say that won't be resented (with him possibly showing up even more disheveled the next time just out of spite)?

UNPLEASANT SITUATION, GETTYSBURG, PA.

**DEAR UNPLEASANT SITUATION:** While you may have ended your marriage 15 years ago, it doesn't appear you have truly divorced yourself from your ex. Rather than having pussy-footed around the reason you wanted to change your seat, you should have told him it was because he smelled like a goat and showed he lacked enough respect for those around him and his daughter to shower and put on clean clothes.

He may—or may not—suffer from depression. Because he denies it, there is no way you can force him into treatment. You are no longer responsible for his attire or his welfare.

Because you're concerned that he may show up looking more disheveled "out of spite," you have my permission to distance yourself if it happens. And if your daughter is embarrassed by his attire, she has every right to talk to her father about it.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a small-business owner. I have an educational supply and toy store. Business has been pretty good, even through the hard times.

My problem is my customers' children are about to put me out of business. They are out of control. They climb on shelving, open products, tear things apart and throw screaming tantrums.

Their parents let them run through the store like it's a playground. I have signs posted at the entrance and around the store reminding parents to attend to their children.

We have lost a lot of inventory due to these brats, and my time is consumed trying to keep them in line instead of working with my customers. I don't go to their homes and wreck them. I wish they'd show the same respect for my business. Thanks for any advice you can offer.

HAD IT WITH OVERINDULGED KIDS

**DEAR HAD IT:** If possible, designate a small area of your store where kids can go to play while their parents are shopping. Also, post a sign at the cash register that reads: "Customers Will Be Charged for Broken or Damaged Items."

The problem you are experiencing is one that is shared by many other retailers. If any of them are reading this column, I'd love to know how they resolved this problem.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Since my mother passed away, I feel awkward when my parents' anniversary comes up. I don't want to ignore this important date for my father (we are very close), but I don't feel saying "Happy Anniversary" is appropriate either. What do you suggest?

REMEMBERING IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

**DEAR REMEMBERING:** Your father already knows what the date means. Pick up the phone, say, "Dad, I'm thinking about you and I love you," and if he lives close by, invite him to dinner if he doesn't have plans.

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## Viewing held for 'Sopranos' star Gandolfini in NJ

**PARK RIDGE, N.J. (AP)**—A private viewing for James Gandolfini (gan-dahl-FEE'-nee) has ended in a small New Jersey town near where he grew up.

Mourners at Wednesday's invitation-only wake for family and friends left flowers at the Robert Spearing Funeral Home in Park Ridge.

The 51-year-old star of "The Sopranos" grew up in nearby

Westwood. He died last week in Italy.

Nurse Robin Caprio wasn't allowed in to the private viewing and stood outside with a photo of herself and Gandolfini taken when his show filmed a scene in Paterson.

Broadway theaters dimmed

their marquee lights in memory of Gandolfini, who earned a Tony Award nomination in 2009 for his role in "God of Carnage."

Gandolfini's funeral will be held Thursday at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine in New

York City.



Gandolfini

## 'Lone Ranger' stars have historic roots in justice

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Johnny Depp and Armie Hammer fight for justice in their upcoming film, "The Lone Ranger," but their ancestors did it for real.

Genealogy research website Ancestry.com revealed Wednesday the two actors descend from historic American freedom fighters.

Hammer plays the Lone Ranger and Depp portrays his Native American sidekick, Tonto. Yet the site's historians discovered that it's Hammer with the native roots. The 26-year-old actor is a descendent of Cherokee leader and peace advocate Chief Kanagatucko.

Researchers said Depp's eighth great-grandmother was Elizabeth Key, the first slave in the American colonies to sue for her freedom and win. It happened in 1656 in Virginia, where some of Depp's ancestors have lived since the early 1600s.



This undated publicity photo from Disney/Bruckheimer Films, shows actors, Johnny Depp, left, as Tonto, a spirit warrior on a personal quest, who joins forces in a fight for justice with Armie Hammer, as John Reid, a lawman who has become a masked avenger, The Lone Ranger, from the movie, "The Lone Ranger." AP

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### OWN to air 'All My Children,' 'One Life to Live'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—"All My Children" and "One Life to Live" are returning to TV. Oprah Winfrey's OWN network says it's acquired the first 40 episodes of the daytime dramas' revival on The Online Network. They'll air Monday through Thursday for a 10-week period beginning July 15. In a statement Wednesday, OWN President Erik Logan said: "These shows have proven to be very popular with a significant, loyal fan base." When the two soaps were canceled by ABC in 2011, fans begged Winfrey to give them a second life on OWN. She responded by re-

leasing a video message on her website saying she couldn't save the shows because "there just are not enough people who are home in the daytime to watch them."

#### Publishing executive wins Maxwell Perkins Award

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A publishing executive who has helped release books by such acclaimed authors as Jhumpa Lahiri, Jane Smiley and James Salter has won the Maxwell E. Perkins Award for lifetime achievement in fiction. Robin Desser of Alfred A. Knopf is the latest recipient of a prize named for the editor of Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott

Fitzgerald. Desser, a vice president and editorial director at Knopf, has worked on a wide range of fiction, from such acclaimed debuts as Sandra Cisneros' "The House On Mango Street" to books by established stars such as Salter and Smiley. The Perkins award is sponsored by the nonprofit Center for Fiction. Previous winners include Nan A. Talese of Doubleday and Jonathan Galassi of Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

#### Devo drummer Alan Myers dies of brain cancer

Alan Myers, the former longtime drummer for the band Devo, best known for "Whip

It," has died after a battle with brain cancer. He was 58. Myers died Monday in Los Angeles, where he lived, Devo spokesman Michael Pilmer said Wednesday. Myers was the band's drummer from 1976 to 1985 during Devo's heyday. The group was formed in Akron, Ohio, in the early 1970s by Mark Mothersbaugh and Gerald Casale, and introduced themselves to the world in 1977 by making a frenetic version of the Rolling Stones' "Satisfaction." Casale told The Associated Press on Wednesday that without Myers, Devo never would have reached the heights it did, calling him the best drummer he has ever played with. **(AP)**



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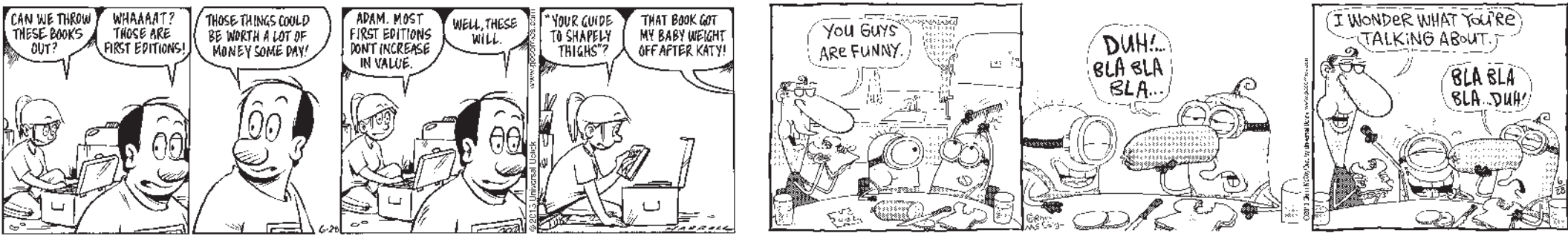
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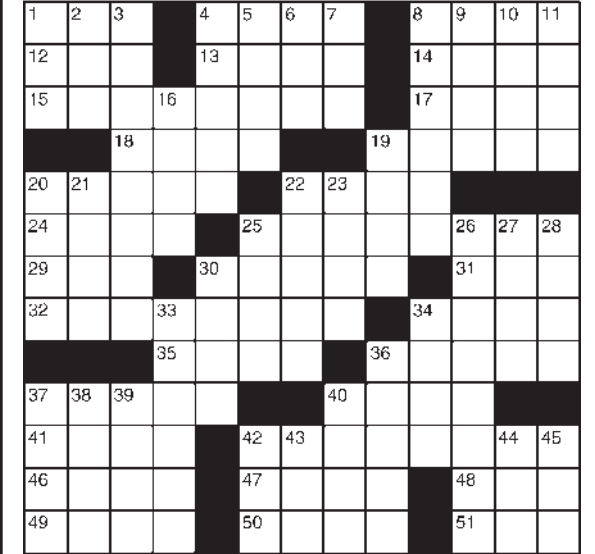
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emphasize love, looking good and being happy. Avoid anyone goading you into an argument or tricking you into something that will complicate your life. Change can be good, but only if it is on your terms. Travel and romance are highlighted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a cautious approach to physical activity or travel. Mishaps will be due to confusion or uncertainty. Prepare properly and you will turn any negative into a positive. Send an emotional message if you want to get your point across.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll face someone withholding information or not explaining what needs to be done. Ask questions and make a point of showing your intelligence and knowledge. A change in plans will end up being to your advantage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Set your goals and strive to succeed. Your intuition will not let you down. Don't worry about what everyone else is doing. Your determination

and dedication will lead to victory. Embrace friendships and partnerships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sit back and wait patiently for your turn. Trying to impress someone by showing off or bragging will backfire. Humble and gracious actions will make the best impression. Romance is highlighted and making self-improvements will enhance your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Enjoy working alongside others. Take pride in what you do and how you complement what is going on around you. Engage in finding solutions and making improvements that will impress someone you want to get to know better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The busier, the better. Take extra courses that will heighten your earning potential. Interact with people who have something to offer you. A change with regard to a relationship will be to your benefit. Walk away from anyone trying to control or use you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are heading in the right direction. Attend whatever will help you advance, but don't take on so much that you become physically exhausted. Gauge your time so you can do and be your very best. Talks will lead to bigger and better prospects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Deal with emotional matters head-on. If you try to avoid a situation, it will end up costing you financially as well as emotionally. Put more into your future by tying up loose ends so that you can move on without guilt or barriers.

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take control. Don't allow changes to happen if they are not going to benefit you. Problems with partners or dealing with expenses or a co-worker will surface if you aren't direct about terms and agreements. Protect your assets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hard work will pay off. Ingenuity, innovation and imagination will help you develop your abilities. Greater prosperity and good fortune can be yours if you offer a service that helps others. Accept a challenge and give it your best shot.

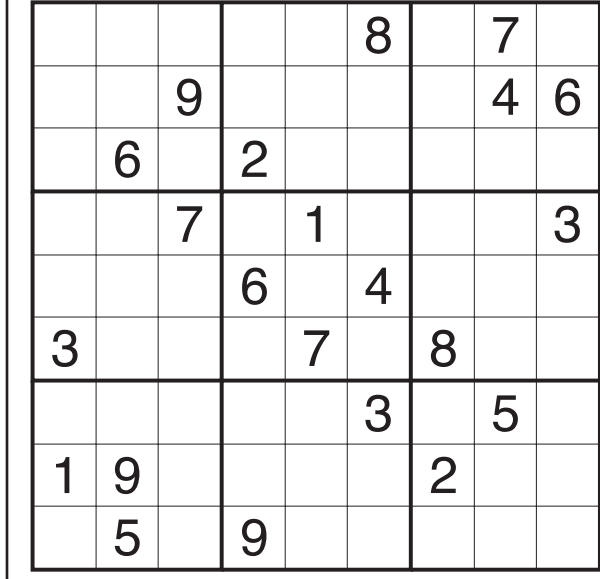
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pay attention. Missing vital information will lead to arguments or complaints. Get whatever chores you have out of the way before you move on to pleasurable pastimes. Learn from past experience and choose your friends and activities wisely. An investment will pay off.

Birthday Baby: You are kind, generous and creative. You are imaginative and compromising.

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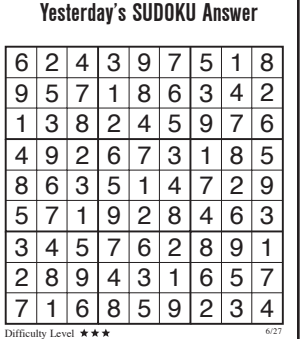
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# Pro football player Hernandez charged with murder



**ATTLEBORO, Mass.** (AP)—New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez was arrested Wednesday and charged with murder in the shooting death of a friend prosecutors say had angered the NFL player at a nightclub a few days earlier by talking to the wrong people.

Hernandez, 23, was taken from his North Attleborough home in handcuffs just over a week after Boston semi-pro football player Odin Lloyd's bullet-riddled body was found in an industrial park a mile away.

Less than two hours after the arrest, the Patriots announced they had cut Hernandez, a 2011 Pro Bowl selection who signed a five-year contract last summer worth \$40 million.

Lloyd was a 27-year-old athlete with the Boston Bandits who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée. He was shot multiple times on a secluded gravel road, authorities said.

Hernandez "drove the victim to that remote spot, and then he orchestrated his execution," prosecutor Bill McCauley said.

If convicted, Hernandez could get life in prison without parole.

"It is at bottom a circumstantial case. It is not a strong case," his attorney, Michael Fee, said at a court hearing during which Hernandez was ordered held without bail on murder charges and five weapons counts.

Lloyd's family members cried and hugged as the prosecutor outlined the killing. Two were so overcome with emotion that they had to leave the courtroom.

McCauley said the slaying stemmed from a night out at a Boston club called Rumor on June 14. He said Hernandez was upset about certain things, including that Lloyd had talked to some people Hernandez "had troubles with." The prosecutor did not elaborate.

Two days later, McCauley said, on the night of June 16, Hernandez texted two friends from out of state and asked them to hurry back to Massachusetts.

Surveillance footage from Hernandez's home showed him leaving with a gun, and he told someone in the house that he was upset and couldn't trust anyone anymore, the prosecutor said.

The three men picked up Lloyd at his home around 2:30 a.m., according to authorities. As they drove around in their rented car, they discussed what happened at the nightclub, and Lloyd started getting nervous, McCauley said.

Lloyd texted his sister, "Did you see who I am with?" When she asked who, he answered, at 3:22 a.m., "NFL," then, a minute later, he sent one final text: "Just so you know."

Within a few minutes, people working the overnight shift at the industrial park reported hearing gunshots, McCauley said. Surveillance video showed



Former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez, left, stands with his attorney Michael Fee, right, during arraignment in Attleboro District Court Wednesday, June 26, in Attleboro, Mass.

the car going into a remote area of the industrial park and emerging four minutes later, the prosecutor said.

A short time later, Hernandez returned to his house, and he and one of the other men were seen on his home surveil-

lance system holding guns, McCauley said. Then the system stopped recording, according to the prosecutor.

Hernandez had recently installed the system and had 14 cameras inside and out, according to McCauley, who said detectives found footage was missing from the six to eight hours after the slaying.

Investigators did not specify who fired the shots. They did not identify the two other people who were with Hernandez or say whether they were under arrest.

According to McCauley, Hernandez and his friends later returned the car to the rental agency, and Hernandez offered the attendant a piece of blue chewing gum. She found a .45-caliber shell casing and a piece of what appeared to be chewed blue gum in the car and threw them out.

Later, investigators retrieved the items from a trash bin, and the casing matched others found where Lloyd was killed, McCauley said. The two weapons seen on the surveillance footage have not been found, he said.

In arguing unsuccessfully for bail, Hernandez's attorney said the athlete is unlikely to flee, is a homeowner, and lives with his fiancée and an 8-month-old baby. He also said Hernandez had never been accused of a violent crime.

As he was led from his home in the morning, Hernandez was wearing a white V-neck T-shirt, with his arms inside the shirt and behind his back. He spit into some bushes on his way to a police cruiser.

Later, as he was taken from the North Attleborough police station to court, two dozen supporters cheered, some yelling,

"We love you, Aaron!"

"Words cannot express the disappointment we feel knowing that one of our players was arrested as a result of this investigation," the Patriots said in a statement announcing he had been cut.

The team added: "We realize that law enforcement investigations into this matter are ongoing. We support their efforts and respect the process. At this time, we believe this transaction is simply the right thing to do."

The Patriots drafted Hernandez, who is originally from Bristol, Conn., in 2010 out of the University of Florida, where he was an All-American.

During the draft, one team said it wouldn't take him under any circumstances, and he was passed over by one club after another before New England picked him in the fourth round.

Afterward, Hernandez said he had failed a drug test in college—reportedly for marijuana—and was up front with teams about it.

In other off-the-field troubles, a Florida man filed a lawsuit last week claiming Hernandez shot him in the face after they argued at a strip club in February.

And *The Boston Globe* reported that Hernandez lost his temper and threatened a teammate during an argument in the team's weight room shortly after he was drafted.

Hernandez became a father on Nov. 6 and said he intended to change his ways: "Now, another one is looking up to me. I can't just be young and reckless Aaron no more. I'm going to try to do the right things."

## Federer, Sharapova lose on wild day at Wimbledon



**LONDON (AP)**—As tumultuous a day as professional tennis has produced in its nearly half-century history ended in the most unforeseeable, unexplainable way of all: A second-round loss by Roger Federer at the All England Club.

The seven-time Wimbledon champion and 17-time Grand Slam champ shuffled off Centre Court with dusk approaching on the fortnight's first Wednesday, his head bowed, his streak of reaching at least the quarterfinals at a record 36 consecutive major tournaments snapped by a man ranked 116th.

His remarkable 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5), 7-5, 7-6 (5) defeat against Sergiy Stakhovsky marked Federer's earliest Grand Slam exit in a decade. He lost in the first round of the French Open on May 26, 2003, back before he owned a single trophy from any of the sport's most important sites.

"This is a setback, a disappointment, whatever you want to call it," said Federer, the defending champion. "Got to get over this one. Some haven't hurt this much, that's for sure."

He had plenty of company on a wild, wild Wednesday brim-

ming with surprising results, a slew of injuries—and all manner of sliding and tumbling on the revered grass courts, prompting questions about whether something made them more slippery.

Seven players left because of withdrawals or mid-match retirements, believed to be the most in a single day at a Grand Slam tournament in the 45-year Open era. Among that group: second-seeded Victoria Azarenka; sixth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga; 18th-seeded John Isner, who will forever be remembered for winning a 70-68 fifth set in the longest match ever; and Steve Darcis, the man who stunned 12-time major champion Rafael Nadal on Monday.

"Very black day," summed up 10th-seeded Marin Cilic, who said a bad left knee forced him to pull out of his match.

The third-seeded Federer simply was unable to derail Stakhovsky's serve-and-volley style, breaking the 27-year-old Ukrainian only once.

Still, there actually was a real chance for Federer to get back in the thick of things. Ahead 6-5 in the fourth, he held a set point as Stakhovsky served at

30-40. But Stakhovsky came up with this sequence: volley winner, 111 mph ace, serve-and-volley winner.

"I had my opportunities, had the foot in the door. When I had the chance, I couldn't do it," said Federer, who is 122-18 on grass over his career, while Stakhovsky is 13-12. "It's very frustrating, very disappointing. I'm going to accept it and move forward from here. I have no choice."

In the closing tiebreaker, with spectators roaring after every point, Stakhovsky raced to a 5-2 lead, and the match ended with Federer pushing a backhand wide on a 13-stroke exchange. Stakhovsky dropped to his back, then later bowed to the stadium's four sides. He sat in his sideline chair, purple Wimbledon towel draped over his head, as Federer quickly headed for the locker room. Stakhovsky peeked out and saw Federer leaving, then applauded right along with the fans' standing ovation.

"You're playing the guy and then you're playing his legend," Stakhovsky said. "You're playing two of them. When you're beating one, you still have the other one who is pressing you."

You're saying, 'Am I about to beat him? Is it possible?'"

It was, and Federer was one of seven players who have been ranked No. 1 to depart the tournament in a span of about 8 1/2 hours. The others: Maria Sharapova, the 2004 Wimbledon champion, who lost 6-3, 6-4 to 131st-ranked Michelle Larcher de Brito of Portugal; Caroline Wozniacki; Ana Ivanovic; Jelena Jankovic; Azarenka; and Lleyton Hewitt, who won Wimbledon in 2002.

All told, five players who have combined to win 26 Grand Slam titles headed home, along with another three who have been the runner-up at a major tournament.

"Today has been bizarre," said 17th-seeded Sloane Stephens of the U.S., who stuck around by winning her match 8-6 in the third set. "I don't know what's going on."

Look at it this way: Three days into the two-week tournament—merely halfway through the second round—a total of five of the 10 highest-seeded women are gone, as are four of the top 10 men.

The beneficiaries might very well be folks such as defend-

ing champion Serena Williams, who most figured might only be challenged in a potential final against Sharapova or Azarenka, and Andy Murray, whose path to Britain's first men's title in 77 years no longer can be blocked by Federer, Nadal or Tsonga.

How, then, to decipher it all?

Let fly with far-flung conspiracy theories.

One hypothesis making the rounds: The grass is different because there is a new head groundsman at the All England Club, Neil Stubley (keep in mind, though, that he's been helping prepare the courts here for more than 15 years, albeit with a less distinguished title).

Another popular idea was that the recent weather—it's been in the 60s and humid, but without a drop of rain so far—is affecting traction.

"I don't know if it's the court or the weather. I can't figure it out," said two-time Australian Open champion Azarenka, who said she bruised a bone in her right leg when she slipped on the turf in her victory Monday and couldn't face Flavia Pennetta on Wednesday. "It would be great if the club or somebody who takes care of the court just would examine or try to find an issue so that wouldn't happen."



# Kershaw outduels Lincecum, Dodgers beat Giants



**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—

Clayton Kershaw outpitched Tim Lincecum in the seventh regular-season matchup between the former Cy Young Award winners, rookie Yasiel Puig had three more hits and the Los Angeles Dodgers rallied to beat the San Francisco Giants 4-2 on Wednesday night for a three-game sweep of the defending World Series champions.

Kershaw (6-5) allowed two runs and four hits in eight-plus innings and had seven strikeouts.

Lincecum (4-8) gave up four runs and 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings and struck out four.

The Giants have lost four in a row and nine of 12, putting them a season-worst two games under .500.

## Nationals 3, Diamondbacks 2

In Washington, Jordan Zimmermann dominated after a shaky start and rookie Anthony Rendon had his third three-hit performance as the Nationals defeated the Diamondbacks.

The NL West-leading Diamondbacks have lost three straight.

Zimmermann (11-3) surrendered two runs in the first inning, but held the Diamondbacks scoreless with one hit over his final three innings. He allowed three hits overall, retired the final 10 batters he faced and improved to 13-0 at home dating back to May 17, 2012.

## Cubs 5, Brewers 4

In Milwaukee, Scott Feldman pitched six solid innings, Anthony Rizzo had a key two-run single and the Cubs held on to beat the Brewers.

Feldman (7-6) gave up just three runs and six hits while striking out three and walking none for his first victory this season against an NL Central Division opponent. He retired 11 of the last 14 batters he faced.

Kevin Gregg got the last three outs for his 12th save in 12 chances.

## Phillies 7, Padres 5, 13 innings

In San Diego, second baseman Logan Forsythe bobbled Ben Revere's grounder in the 13th inning and then threw home wildly, leading to two unearned runs in the Philadelphia Phillies' 7-5 win over the San Diego Padres on Wednesday night.

Chase Utley, who was hit by a pitch, and Domonic Brown, who walked against Tommy Layne (0-2) scored the decisive runs. Forsythe bounced a throw as he tried to prevent Utley from scoring. The ball bounced away from catcher Nick Hundley, allowing Brown to score also.

Joe Savory (1-0) worked one inning and Jonathan Papelbon got the final three outs for his 15th save in 19 chances.

## Rangers 8, Yankees 5

In New York, Nelson Cruz homered and the Texas Rangers got

consecutive two-run doubles from Adrian Beltre and A.J. Pierzynski in an 8-5 victory over the New York Yankees on Wednesday night.

Rangers rookie Justin Grimm pitched just well enough to beat Andy Pettitte, and the AL West leaders won for the seventh time in nine games following a six-game slide — their longest of the season. Texas improved to 6-12 against the Yankees since the start of 2011.

Lyle Overbay and Ichiro Suzuki homered for New York on a hectic day at Yankee Stadium, where baseball's most storied franchise announced that first baseman Mark Teixeira needs season-ending surgery on his right wrist.

## Indians 4, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Scott Kazmir took a no-hitter into the seventh as the Indians scored two ninth-inning runs off Baltimore closer Jim Johnson to pull out the victory.

A leadoff double in the seventh by Manny Machado was the only hit allowed by Kazmir, who gave up one unearned run in seven innings. He came out to the mound for the eighth but left with an apparent injury before throwing a pitch.

Baltimore promptly scored twice against Joe Smith (4-0) to take a 3-2 lead, but the Indians rallied against Johnson (2-6) in the ninth.

## Angels 7, Tigers 4

In Detroit, Mike Trout homered

and drove in three runs, and Erick Aybar's two-run shot gave Los Angeles the lead for good in its eighth consecutive win over the Tigers.

The Angels have outscored the Tigers 55-21 during the streak.

Miguel Cabrera and former Angels outfielder Torii Hunter homered for Detroit.

Los Angeles emergency starter Billy Buckner gave up three runs and three hits in three-plus innings. He replaced Tommy Hanson, who was scratched after feeling tightness in his right forearm while warming up in the bullpen before the game.

## Blue Jays 3, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Florida, R.A. Dickey pitched a two-hitter for his first complete game of the year, helping Toronto to its 12th win in 14 games.

Dickey (7-8) retired his first 13 batters before James Loney grounded a single between shortstop and third base with one out in the fifth. Yunel Escobar had a one-out single in the sixth, and then was erased when Matt Joyce hit a double-play grounder.

## Athletics 5, Reds 0

In Oakland, California, A.J. Griffin pitched a two-hitter for his first win in more than a month, and Josh Donaldson hit a three-run homer for Oakland.

Griffin (6-6) struck out seven and walked two in a 108-pitch gem for his first career complete game, helping the A's sweep the

two-game series.

The shaggy-haired right-hander had been 0-3 in five starts since winning at Houston on May 25. He didn't allow a hit until Devin Mesoraco's one-out single in the fifth, and Xavier Paul added a two-out double in the seventh for Cincinnati.

## Pirates, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Jordy Mercer hit a go-ahead single with two outs in the ninth inning, leading Pittsburgh to the victory.

The Pirates (48-30) moved 18 games over .500 for the first time since 1992, their last winning season.

Neil Walker hit a two-run homer off Felix Hernandez to put Pittsburgh ahead in the fourth. Seattle tied it in the sixth on Raul Ibanez's team-leading 18th home run.

Mercer put the Pirates in front with his clutch hit off Yoervis Medina, and Travis Snider scored on a wild pitch.

## Red Sox 5, Rockies 3

In Boston, John Lackey struck out a season-high 12 over seven strong innings and Daniel Nava drove in two runs, powering Boston to a sweep of the two-game series against Colorado.

Shane Victorino had three hits and Dustin Pedroia was 2 for 4 for the Red Sox.

Colorado got two solo homers from Michael Cuddyer, who extended his hitting streak to 23 games — matching Dante Bichette's club record set in 1995. The Rockies finished a road trip

in which they lost seven of nine.

## Royals 4, Braves 3

In Kansas City, Missouri, Alex Gordon drove in David Lough in the 10th inning, giving the Royals a split of their two-game series against the Braves.

Lough had entered the game the previous inning as a pinch hitter, but was still up because Elliot Johnson was picked off first base to end the ninth. Lough singled off Alex Wood (0-2) to start the 10th and then reached second when Miguel Tejada laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt.

That set the stage for Gordon, who hit a solo home run earlier in the game. He dropped a base hit into shallow left field, allowing Lough to score easily as the Royals spilled from their dugout.

## Mets 3, White Sox 0

In Chicago, Shaun Marcum pitched eight crisp innings for his first win of the season, and Eric Young Jr. had three hits and drove in a run for the Mets.

Marcum (1-9) won for the first time since Oct. 1, 2012, while pitching for Milwaukee. He avoided becoming the first to start a season 0-10 since St. Louis' Anthony Reyes did it in 2007.

Marcum had lost his previous four starts and posted a 9.58 ERA in his last two outings. The veteran right-hander faced just three batters over the minimum. He scattered four hits and pitched around two walks.

Bobby Parnell pitched a perfect ninth for his 13th save.

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# Noel, Len atop an NBA draft full of questions



**NEW YORK (AP)**—Nerlens Noel is coming off a major knee injury. Alex Len is in a walking boot.

One of them could be the No. 1 pick Thursday in an NBA draft that appears short on stardom, and neither looks ready to get his career off to a running start.

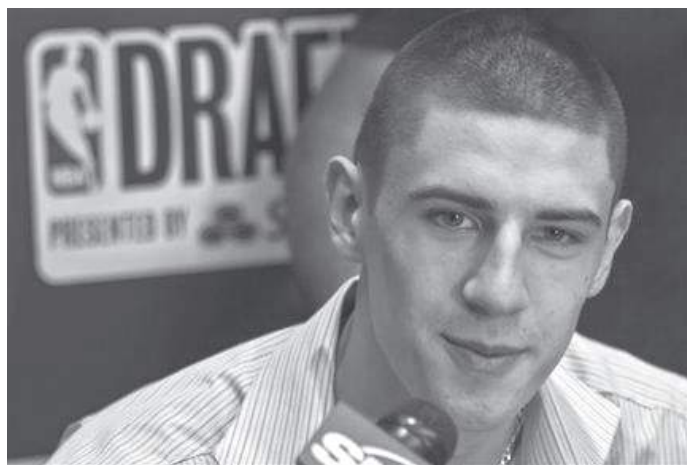
"This draft is really unpredictable, a lot of guys with injuries and you don't have any, like, LeBron James," Len said Wednesday. "So it's going to be interesting."

Ten years after James climbed on stage to start a draft that goes down as one of the best in recent memory, the No. 1 pick again belongs to Cleveland.

The Cavaliers won't find anyone who can play like James on the court—if they keep the pick—and even the climbing the stage part will be a challenge for the big men who opened their college seasons against each other and are competing again now.

Noel tore the ACL in his left knee on Feb. 12, ending his lone season at Kentucky. The 6-foot-11 freshman led the nation in shot blocking and his conference in rebounding, but hasn't been able to show the Cavaliers if his offensive game has grown.

The only basketball work he did during his visit to Cleveland was shooting some free throws.



Maryland's Alex Len listens during a press availability for NBA basketball draft prospects on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 in New York.

Perhaps the pants he wore with his sports jacket and orange tie were just too tight, but Noel was walking gingerly as he exited a hotel ballroom after meeting with the media Wednesday.

"I wanted to do more. Unfortunately I got hurt, but I mean I definitely felt right before I got injured I was really coming along as a player and just really coming into my own during that part of the season," Noel said. "But like I said, unfortunately I got hurt, so I wasn't able to show as much as I wanted to."

Nor has Len, but that hasn't stopped the 7-1 center from the Ukraine who spent two seasons at Maryland from climbing into the mix at No. 1. His left foot started bothering him around February, and he found out after the season that it was a stress

fracture.

He was aware he was projected as a top-10 pick before the draft combine, but may go much higher even though his visits to teams have consisted of nothing more than interviews. He no longer needs crutches but will be in the boot for perhaps two more weeks.

So, with all these injury questions, what about playing it safe and picking a healthy guy?

"I mean, probably a lot of people wish it could be that easy," Kansas guard Ben McLemore said. "But it's a process for the teams, they've got to see what's available and what they really need. And like I said, this draft is up in the air and nobody knows what's going to happen, who's going to get drafted in which order."

Orlando has the No. 2 pick, followed by Washington, Charlotte and Phoenix.

McLemore, Indiana's Victor Oladipo, Georgetown forward Otto Porter and national player of the year Trey Burke of Michigan are among the other players who will hear their names called early at Barclays Center by NBA Commissioner David Stern in his final draft.

It's a class that won't draw any comparisons to the one that James led, which featured future Miami Heat teammates Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, along with NBA scoring champion Carmelo Anthony among the first five picks.

Brooklyn Nets general manager Billy King said a number of teams are trying to trade out of the draft and acquire extra picks for next year, which is expected to be a stronger class. But he doesn't know if there will be enough teams interested in being trade partners to get those deals done.

"There are good players in this draft, but right now, there are not impact players. What I mean by that is that there's no one you look at in this draft that within two years will be an All-Star, say like Kyrie Irving was, players like that," said Minnesota Timberwolves president Flip Saunders, referring to the guard Cleveland took with the No. 1 pick in 2011.

Edralin also made short work of TAGA Badminton Club's Panapa Peteru, 21-5, 21-17. Edralin marched into the finals after downing Kevin Park, 21-18, 18-21, 21-16, while Peteru took the second finals seat, following a 21-17, 21-15 victory over A.J. Ortega. Park settled for third place, as he slipped past Ortega in the consolation game, 22-21, 8-21, 22-21.

Meanwhile, the awards ceremony for this year's IT&E tournament will be held this Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex at 7pm.

lajadia handed Team UA Guam a gold medal after pulling off an upset over 2012 featherweight champion Shane Alvarez. Balajadia won on points in the 141- to 150-lb out, as he gained multiple top mounts on Shane Alvarez and was quick to avoid getting pinned down on the canvas. Guam Spike 22's Robert Alvarez took the bronze medal.

Guam Spike 22 also saved a gold medal, courtesy of Roman Alvarez, who defeated Trench Tech's Mark Nuique on points in the bantamweight class (131 to 140 lbs). Trench Tech's Jasper Van De Maas completed the Top 3.

More than 70 fighters from Guam and Saipan joined AOW 8 with participants trading grappling skills for five minutes in the elimination round before organizers shortened the finale to four minutes due to time constraints.

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in the semifinals, 21-12, 21-15. In the other Final Four pairing, Arago went the distance and foiled an all-CBC finale after outlasting Jexler Caranto in three games. Caranto won the opening game, 21-15, but succumbed to pressure in the closely fought second game, allowing Arago to pull off a match-saving 22-20 victory. Arago went on to keep his momentum in the deciding game,

nailing a convincing 21-10 win.

Caranto played another three-game match last weekend, slipping past Riman in the consolation tiff, 18-21, 21-17, 21-17, to join Galvez and Arago in the Top 3.

Meanwhile, CBC completed a sweep of the men's singles crown after Jordan Pangilinan and Almond Edralin clinched the B and C championships, respectively.

Pangilinan bagged his second singles B crown this season after dominating Shirley's Badminton Club's Ezekiel Macario, 21-15, 21-13. Pangilinan won

his first singles title of the year during the Sun Palace tournament when he also thumped Shirley's Joseph Santos after only two games, 22-20, 21-10.

Macario and Pangilinan arranged their title duel after sweeping separate semis foes. The eventual champion prevailed over Shirley's Chris Hilario, 21-13, 21-12, while Macario outclassed Riman, 21-14, 28-26. The battle for third place was completed after only two games, too with Hilario topping Riman, 21-18, 21-10.

In the men's C singles finale,

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the defending champion's neck before the two fighters eventually fell on the ground. Shane Alvarez then moved out of trouble and got the top position and just when they were almost out of the mat, "Pika-Boo" choked Robert Alvarez, who then threw the towel a few seconds left in the finals.

Masga took the bronze medal, as he lost to Alvarez earlier in the battle for the second finals berth. Eight other fighters joined the lightweight division.

Besides Shane Alvarez, other Trench Tech fighters who won their respective weight classes include Benjie Estoque, Ricky Rout, and Mylo Lassiter.

Estoque was pitted against Zalaka's Alan Aguon in the fly-

weight (100 to 130 lbs) final and the latter was ahead on points midway in the bout, as he had a couple of top mounts. However, Estoque recovered and employed a rear-mount, forcing Aguon to tap out. Gracie Barra's Lorenzo Attao took the bronze medal.

In the welterweight division (161 to 180 lbs), Rout won an all-Trench Tech gold medal match against Masga on points, while Team UA Guam's Thomas Aguigui rounded out the Top 3. The much smaller Masga attacked first, grabbing Rout's knee to hold him down. Both fighters then dropped on the ground and this was where Rout used his grappling skills to set up the win.

Lassiter also won on points in both of his gold medal bouts against fellow Trench Tech fighter Ningbo "Slice" Cepeda

in the middleweight and heavyweight divisions. In their 181- to 200-lb finale (middleweight), Cepeda had the upper hand early when he caught Lassiter with a rear mount (4 points). However, Lassiter countered with a reversal (2 points) and then added 4 more points on a top mount.

Then in their heavyweight (over 201 lbs) gold medal match, Lassiter and Cepeda felt each other out as both fighters were on a fighting stance before the eventual champion pulled down Cepeda and earned enough points on takedown (2) and a few top mounts (4 points). Trench Tech's Jose Mafnas joined Lassiter and Cepeda in the podium in the heavyweight class, while Team UA Guam's Daniel Olivia rounded out the Top 3 in the middle weight division.

Olivia's teammate Dexter Ba-

"And so in order for you to move up and dilute your talent pool and your roster, you've got to get an impact-type player, and I just don't believe ... there's good players, probably pretty good players in this league, but are they going to be that impact player who's going to be an All-Star or future Hall of Famer? That's what you don't see. And sometimes that's something you don't see for two or three years in a row."

McLemore has in some ways been hurt by healthy, since by being able to work out he's given teams something to nitpick. Noel and Len have been largely free of criticism while sitting on the sideline.

Instead, Len is hoping his first impression of the season is one that holds up, when he had a career-high 23 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks against Noel in Maryland's loss to Kentucky, right in the building where they

will be Thursday.

"I did well against him. So, it's not up to me, it's up to teams," Len said of a team choosing between the two.

Neither player said he knows what the Cavs will do. There has been speculation they are open to dealing the pick, something teams rarely consider in a year with a clear-cut No. 1.

Noel said he had gotten no sense from the Cavs that they had concern about his knee, which could keep him off the court until early in the regular season. And in a draft full of questions, he believes selecting him is the right answer.

"I'm a good teammate, I definitely love to work," Noel said. "I want to get better. I want to be great, I want to reach my potential, be the best player I can be. I definitely do countless hours in the gym and I'm definitely working to get there."

training together early this year and coach Russ Quinn has been very helpful in preparing them for the competition. Nekaifes said Quinn has been focusing on their techniques and repetition of drills.

The Northern Marianas College student added they had the opportunity to train under Lauren McLeod and Tsuyoshi Mochizuki. McLeod is FIVB international beach volleyball coach from Australia and has been touring the Oceania region to conduct coaching courses in the zone. She is also a former player known for her defense and heads Vanuatu's beach volleyball program. Mochizuki is one of the top coaches in Japan and has been bringing players to Saipan for the past few years to compete in the Marianas Cup. The Japanese also competed in AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour.

"They train us like elite players," said Nekaifes, who vowed to represent the island well in the University Games.

Nekaifes and McCullough-Stearns are only the third and fourth athletes from the CNMI to compete in the FISU event. The first two were swimmer Rezne Wong and biker Matthew Mancao, who participated in the 26th Summer Universiade in Shenzhen, China in 2011.

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different countries competing in the beach volleyball competition. Of these 31 teams, we personally know one of the teams from the U.S. Will Montgomery and Tri Bourne played in this year's Marianas Cup. Other than knowing Will and Tri, we are unaware who the other players are, but we are expecting the level of competition will be very high," McCullough-Stearns said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

McCullough-Stearns and Nekaifes have been training together since January after learning that the CNMI was one of the only two teams from Oceania (Australia was the other one) selected to compete in the FISU event for athletes in the 18 to 27 age group.

"John and I have been training together for several months. Our typical training schedule is five, six or seven days a week. This training includes practicing at the beach, having scrimmage, and going to the gym twice a week," McCullough-Stearns added.

Nekaifes, in a separate email to *Saipan Tribune*, said their confidence and skill level have improved a lot since they started

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	47	33	.588	—
New York	42	35	.545	3 1/2
Baltimore	43	36	.544	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	41	38	.519	5 1/2
Toronto	39	38	.506	6 1/2

##### Central Division

Detroit	42	34	.553	—
Cleveland	40	37	.519	2 1/2
Kansas City	36	39	.480	5 1/2
Minnesota	34	40	.459	7
Chicago	32	43	.427	9 1/2

##### West Division

Texas	45	33	.577	—
Oakland	46	34	.575	—
Los Angeles	35	43	.449	10
Seattle	34	45	.430	11 1/2
Houston	30	49	.380	15 1/2

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

Atlanta	45	34	.570	—
Washington	39	38	.506	5
Philadelphia	38	41	.481	7
New York	31	43	.419	11 1/2
Miami	27	50	.351	17

##### Central Division

Pittsburgh	48	30	.615	—
St. Louis	48	30	.615	—
Cincinnati	45	34	.570	3 1/2
Chicago	32	44	.421	15
Milwaukee	32	44	.421	15

##### West Division

Arizona	41	36	.532	—
Colorado	39	40	.494	3
San Diego	39	40	.494	3
San Francisco	38	40	.487	3 1/2
Los Angeles	35	42	.455	6

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# Miyazuka repeats win at Tinian Turquoise Blue

Hideya Miyazuka of Japan repeated his winning form of 2012 to lead 19 swimmers, runners, and bikers from Japan and Tinian in the 13th Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim held last June 22.

Miyazuka, also a former three-time Tagaman Triathlon champion on Saipan, completed the 1.5K swim, 40K run, and 10K bike in 2:39:42, nine minutes off his pace last year but still more than 50 minutes faster than second place finisher Hiro-mu Shimada (3:27:56). Rounding out the top male finishers was Shigaki Takaki in 4:11:18.

Female finishers in the triathlon were led by Dahee Park, the lone competitor from Tinian, in 3:40:09. For the second year in a row, Yoko Mineo of Japan finished second in 3:35:04 and Emi Kawakita rounded out the Top 3 in 4:37:02.

The event was covered by *Triathlon Magazine of Japan*.

Some competitors opted for only the reef swim. The 1.5K route has three female competitors, Michiko Tanabe (:37:31), Setsuko Ihara (38:43), and Sei-



Hideya Miyazuka poses for photographers after placing first place in last year's annual Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon & Reef Swim.

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## Saipan International Fishing tourney on July 13-14



The 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament will be held on July 13-14, 2013, with \$10,000 to be awarded for any marlin weighing more than the record 942 lbs landed last year.

Registration forms, rules, and additional details are available under the Marianas Visitors Authority's online Calendar of Events at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com) or the Saipan Fishermen's Association website at [www.sfacnmi.com](http://www.sfacnmi.com).

Participants must register on July 12, 2013, from 5pm to 6:30pm at Smiling Cove Marina in Garapan. Registration is \$150 per boat, including one captain and one crewmember. Each additional crewmember is \$25.

The event is organized by Saipan Fishermen's Association and sponsored in part by the Marianas Visitors Authority, Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., Docomo Pacific, Pacifica Insurance, Delta Airlines, and MARPAC.

All participating boats must observe safe boating rules and regulations.

Launching will be from 6am to 8am both days at Smiling Cove Marina, Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa, and Garapan Fishing Base. All boats launching after 8am need to check out at Smiling Cove Marina. Participants wishing to register their catch must do so inside the Smiling Cove Marina channel by 6pm both days.

Tournament fee also includes entrance to the awards banquet.

For more information, contact Frank Tudela of the MVA at [ftudela@mymarianas.com](mailto:ftudela@mymarianas.com) or 664-3210. (MVA)

» **\$10K at stake for record marlin**



A record-breaking 942-lb marlin was landed at the 28th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament in July 2012. The 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament will be held on July 16-17.

ko Takehara (38:48).

The oldest event competitor, 69-year-old Kazumi Mineo capped the 3K swim in 1:08:32, followed by Junko Narita (1:11:59) and Keiko Kikuchi (1:31:27).

Top male finishers in the 4.5K swim were Seiichi Kato (1:23:55) and Hidetoshi Nishimura (1:27:52). They were followed by female finishers Yumiko Kikuchi (1:31:21), Ayumi Hashimoto (1:49:32), and Keiko Ueno (1:50:04).

"The ocean was perfect, tur-

quoise blue," said Marianas Visitors Authority acting resident director Vida Borja. "Hopefully, we can have more participation next year."

The event was sponsored by the MVA, KFC Triathlon Club of Japan, the Tinian Mayor's Office, 14th Tinian Municipal Council, and Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

The Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim is an annual signature event of the Northern Mariana Islands held each June. (MVA)

## Mesngon lands biggest at Rota Cliff Fishing Derby

Antonio Mesngon, Jr. of Rota landed a 9.19-lb black jack to top the Biggest Category in the 2013 Rota Cliff Fishing Derby held on June 13-14, 2013.

Thirty-six fishermen from Guam and Rota joined this month's derby, an annual signature event of the Northern Mariana Islands organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and the municipality of Rota.

"Though the number of participants was anticipated to decrease this year because of the event coinciding with Father's Day weekend, it did not stop some who came from Guam for their Father's Day celebration and over 30 island residents who signed up to enjoy the three-day weekend fishing derby," said MVA Acting Roads & Grounds Maintenance manager Sandra Atalig.

Following Mesngon in the Biggest Category were Michael Dachavez for his 7.34-lb dog tooth. He was followed by Ramil Cagara with a 5.76-lb red snapper, and Romy Adraitico with a 4.66-lb giant trevally.

Julenof Jacob won the Most Weight Category with 21.82

lbs of fish and took 2nd place in the Most Variety Category with 17 species. Joseph Camacho Jr. placed 2nd in the Most Weight Category with 13.93 lbs. Third place for Most Weight at 10.81 lbs was to Rio Cayetano, who also won 3rd place in the Most Variety Category with 15 species. Fourth place in the Most Weight Category for 10.73 lbs was Edward Marasigan, who also had the Most Variety of 18 species. Rounding out the winners was Reynaldo Castillo, placing 4th in the Most Variety Category with nine species.

"Visiting derby participants shared their views about Rota Island as a peaceful place to visit and said they enjoyed their experience with the friendly people and the leisure it has to offer," said Atalig. "The organizing committee members are hopeful that the number of participants will increase in next year's derby."

Cash prizes were awarded to the Top 4 finishers in the Biggest and Total Weight Categories. The Top 4 finishers in the Most Variety category received in-kind donations from Ambros Inc. (MVA)

## Team Sufa fundraising tourney next week



Team Sufa will be hosting its first softball tournament fundraiser on July 6-7 at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

The entrance fee is \$100 per team. Organizers are allowing unlimited homeruns for a fee of \$50 and must be paid in full before the team's first game. There is no deadline to register. However, the first 10 teams to pay in full will land a spot on the double-elimination bracket.

By rule, two female players must be on every team, and of these, at least one must play out in the field at all times; and both must remain in the lineup. There is a maximum of 15 players per team.

The bracket will be randomly formulated and the event is scheduled to kick off at 6pm on the night of July 6. From there games will run all day through July 7 and 8 start-

ing 10am.

There will also be a technical meeting at 6:30pm on July 5 for all interested participants at the pavilion behind the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

SUFA is a non-profit organization that raises its own funds throughout the year in order to represent the CNMI in the popular CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament held in the U.S. mainland.

This year marks the ninth episode for the Labor Day event, and Sufa's sixth appearance.

Team Sufa placed fifth out of 19 teams that participated in last year's Labor Day Softball Tournament in Boise, Idaho.

Team Sufa would like to thank all those who in one way or another supported and/or sponsored their efforts in order to make their participation to represent the CNMI possible. (Saipan Tribune)





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## Galvez extends reign in IT&E tournament



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Andreau Galvez, seen here returning a shot to Ferdie Arago during last year's finals, made it two in a row in the men's A singles of the IT&E tournament after winning last weekend's rematch at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Community Badminton Club's Andreu Galvez kept the men's A singles crown in the 2013 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament after beating perennial rival Ferdie Arago of the Berks Blazers in their title duel last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.



Galvez recorded a 21-19, 21-18 win over Arago to bag his third straight men's A singles championship in the same tournament. The Sunday finale was a rematch of last year's title tiff, which Galvez also won in two games, 21-16, 25-23. The three-time IT&E champion started his streak in the annual tournament after downing Dick Guintu, 21-18, 21-18, in the 2011 title match.

Incidentally, Galvez's victory over Arago last weekend avenged his defeat in the Sun Palace Hotel tournament more than two months ago. Arago joined the winner's circle of the Northern Marianas Badminton Association's season-opening competition after sweeping Galvez in the finals. 21-17, 21-19.

Galvez forced another title showdown against Arago after eliminating the Berks Blazers' Jeff Riman

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## Trench Tech fighters stand out in AOW 8

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Trench Tech ruled five of the seven weight classes in the Art of War 8: Grappling and Submission Challenge held last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Leading Trench Tech's show in the AOW 8 was Shane "Pika-Boo" Alvarez, who defended his lightweight crown. Alvarez, who topped the 151- to 160-lb weight class last year following a victory over Vince "The Clinch" Masga, clinched back-to-back championships after defeating Spike 22's Robert Alvarez via submission. The Trench Tech fighter was the aggressor from the get-go of the four-minute gold medal bout, grabbing Robert Alvarez by the arm and trying to slam him to the mat. However, the Guam bet managed to lock his arms on

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Trench Tech's Shane "Pika-Boo" Alvarez in a fighting stance against Guam Team UA's Dexter Balajadia during their featherweight gold medal bout in last Saturday's Art of War 8: Grappling and Submission Challenge at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## CNMI spikers all set for University Games

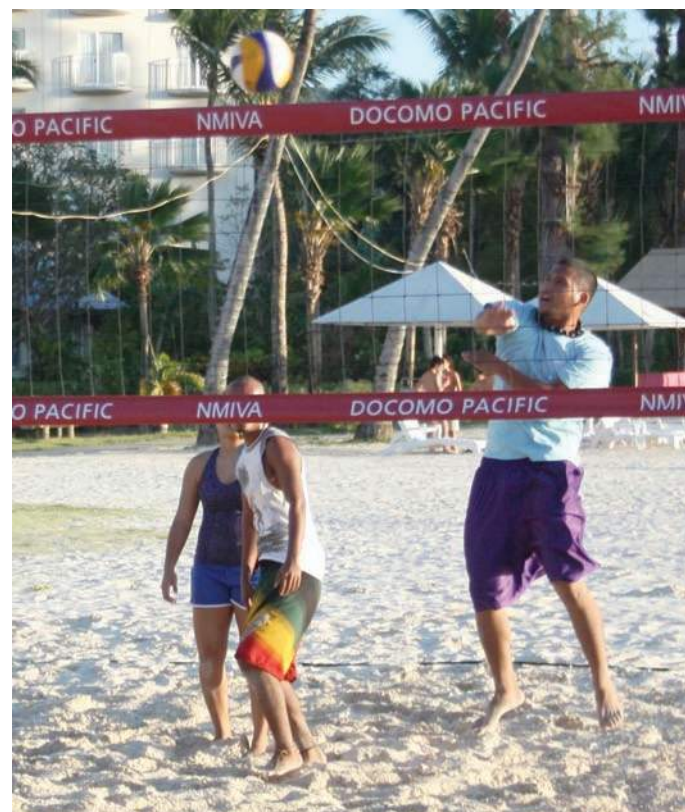
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The CNMI's Clay McCullough-Stearns and John Nekaifes will leave Saipan next week to compete in the 27th Summer Universiade in Russia.

The two Commonwealth spikers are entered in the beach volleyball tournament of the Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire (International University Sports Federation)-sanctioned event that will run from July 6 to 7 in Kazan. The CNMI bets will be competing against Australia, Russia, Austria, Germany, the Czech Republic, France, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Turkey, China, Oman, Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and the U.S.

"There will be 31 teams from  
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SAIPAN TRIBUNE  
John Nekaifes returns the ball to their foe during a beach volleyball tournament at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan early this year.